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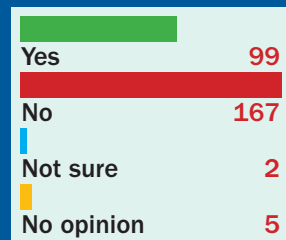
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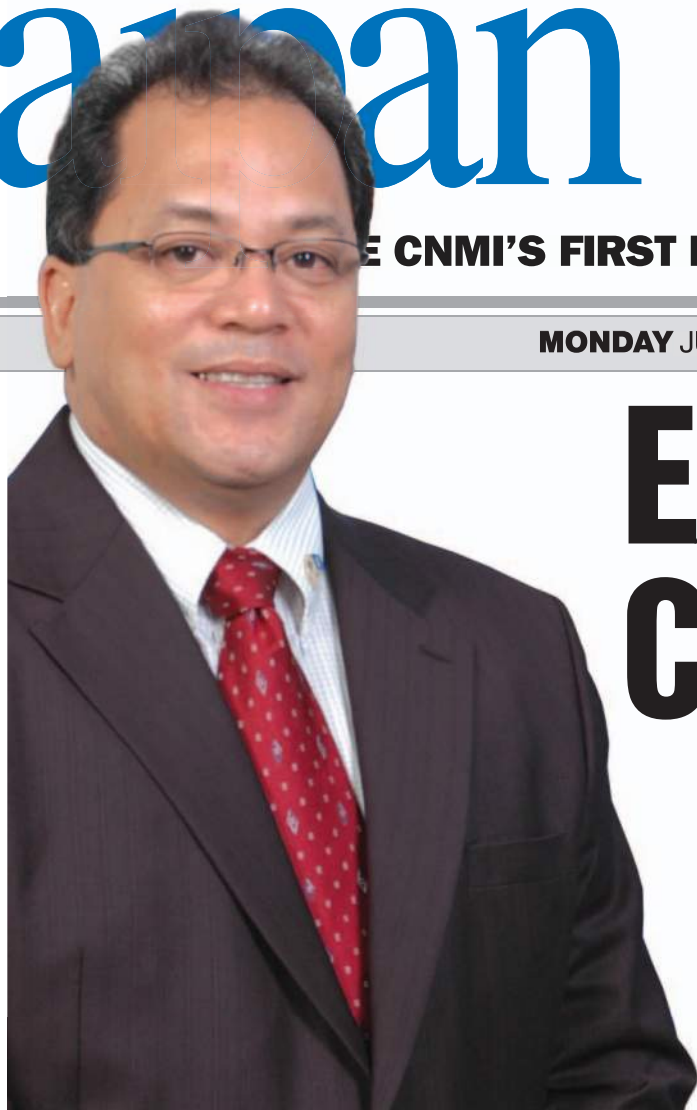
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Adele is getting a new medal—an honor from Queen Elizabeth II.

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Ex-senator Luis P. Crisostimo Jr., 52

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REPORTER

Former senator and businessman Luis Palacios Crisostimo Jr. passed away Saturday in Las Vegas, Nevada (Sunday, CNMI time) after a long but valiant bout with throat cancer. He was 52.

Crisostimo served at least four terms at the CNMI Senate until the 17th Legislature. During his last term as senator, he underwent chemotherapy and radiation in California but that didn't stop him from connecting with and serving his constituents and family on Saipan.

"He's very compassionate and caring for his family. He's strict and firm with

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Employees work at a building construction site in Garapan Thursday afternoon. The Department of Commerce's latest economic indicators report shows that the value of building permits issued decreased from \$3.36 million in fourth quarter 2011 to \$2.99 million in fourth quarter 2012 but the succeeding reports may see growth.

A mixed bag of economic indicators

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While some economic indicators showed growth, others posted a decline in the fourth quarter of 2012, based on a Department of Commerce report released Thursday.

Business gross revenue or total sales reported by CNMI businesses, for example, went down by 5 percent or \$20 million in October-December 2012 compared to the same quarter

in 2011—from \$381.99 million to \$361.15 million.

The administration, however, is optimistic that the succeeding quarters would show increases in business gross revenue, given the surge in tourist arrivals in recent months, among other things.

Bank deposits increased by 11 percent or from \$461.90 million in fourth quarter 2011 to \$512.32 million in fourth quarter 2012.

Bank loans also went up from

\$141.99 million to \$142.78 million.

The loan-to-deposit ratio was at 27.87 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared to 30.74 percent the same period the previous year.

Remittances went down by 6 percent or from \$16.4 million to \$15.4 million.

Automotive sales, meanwhile, increased from 202 to 247 during the period under review.

Tourism arrivals surged by 13 percent from 87,386 in fourth quarter 2011

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Inos: Millions more for 2014 budget

» **Governor wants to pump all into Retirement Fund**

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Inos

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Saturday that the proposed \$123.4 million budget for fiscal year 2014 will "very likely" be revised to add more millions as revenues continue to go up, resulting from a resurgent

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11 take their oath as newest US citizens



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The 11 new U.S. citizens have their picture taken with, seated from left to right, Immigration Services officer Nicolas Bartell, U.S. District Court for the NMI magistrate judge Heather Kennedy, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, and Immigration Services officer Diane Zedde, during Friday's naturalization ceremony in federal court.

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Ester Medina Daproza, of Isabela, Philippines, says it was her late husband's dream that she becomes a U.S. citizen.

Daproza's papers needed to obtain her U.S. citizenship were not complete when her husband, a Filipino U.S. citizen, passed away two years ago.

"I am happy now because I fulfilled his dream as I am now a U.S. citizen, just like all our children," the 59-year-old Daproza told *Saipan Tribune* shortly after she and 10 others took their oath to become the newest U.S. citizens during Friday's naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Daproza came to Saipan in 1982, where she met her hus-

band Melchor. She currently works as a booth coordinator at Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan.

She got her "green card" in 1992 but it was only in May when she applied for U.S. citizenship.

For Kathy Lalaine Jeal Pagapular Ruzsala, of Cagayan De Oro, Philippines, acquiring a U.S. citizenship means she can now vote and publicly voice her opinions.

"I'm really excited that I will be able to do things that I wasn't able to do before such as vote and publicly express my opinion and make sure that I'm with my family and not worry about whether or not I will be separated from them," the 29-year-old Ruzsala said.

Having U.S. citizen parents, she first came to Saipan in 1986 when she was only 3 years old.

She traveled between Saipan and the Philippines for her studies. She got her "green card" when she turned 17.

It was only this year that she applied for citizenship. She is married to Brad Ruzsala and they have two children.

Her parents—Cecilia and the late Romeo Pagapular—were outstanding public educators in the CNMI. Like her parents, Ruzsala is a teacher and now works at Saipan International School.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona administered the oath to Ruzsala, Daproza, and nine others. U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy also joined the ceremony.

Manglona said that Friday's

ceremony was a meaningful one as it coincided with National Flag Day.

President Woodrow Wilson issued the proclamation in 1916 that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. National Flag Day was established by Congress in August 1949.

The nine other new U.S. citizens are Thelma Majait Hamilton, Jeieljoy Batasin Inaba, Maila Abes Kotheimer, Ernani Veran Macayan, Evangelina Panganiban Reyes, Ruth Parungao Reyes, Ma. Teresa Mercado Sablan, John Kristoffer Tani Sarmiento, and Arturo Saturnero Tagum Jr.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officer Diane Zedde presented to the court the 11 petitioners, who are all originally from the Philippines.

Freedom Air incurs \$1.2M debt with CPA

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Representatives of Freedom Air appeared before the Commonwealth Ports Authority board on Friday to ask for consideration on its existing debt with the agency, totaling \$1.2 million to date.

Freedom Air owner Jack Flores, along with legal counsel Steve Carrara and general manager Dennis Cruz, stressed that the company remains committed to the Commonwealth and fully intends to survive the challenges and difficulties it currently faces.

Flores disclosed that the airline will celebrate its 40th year anniversary in November next year.

He cited the decline in the number of local travelers and the shaky economy as factors that have hampered the ability of the company to meet its obligations on time.

"In the past few years, we have our ups and downs. The economy is not good anymore and people are not traveling like before. But we intend to keep going," he told the board.

Acting CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama confirmed Friday that Freedom Air has accumulated \$1.2 million in unpaid obligations since 2011.

She said the airline company was given consideration in recognition of the critical services it provides to the three islands. The board approved Friday a recommendation for Lizama to "go back to the negotiation table" on the issue

with Freedom Air.

"We're going back to the negotiation table and we will be ensuring a mutual payment plan," Lizama told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Carrara, times have been tough for the air carrier and its aircraft had been down for a few months due to engine troubles and maintenance issues. The lack of operational funding needed to maintain and procure replacement parts has hampered the continuous operation of the firm.

"Times have been tough, but we have a plan that we put together and rest assured we can turn it around. I will make sure that we will be successful," said Carrara.

Trying to dispel negative speculations about the company, Carrara said that the company has never let go of its personnel during its most challenging times.

Saipan Tribune learned that Freedom Air is delinquent in paying the aviation fee, which now totals \$533,594 in arrears as of September last year.

The firm is also delinquent in paying the passenger facility charges, totaling \$616,777.

For other fees like for badges, lease, utility usage, and promissory note account, the company is behind by \$52,761.

Despite these arrears, Freedom Air manager Dennis Cruz told the CPA board that the airline is still in compliance with its lease agreement with CPA on the airport hangar. He said a survey has just been conducted on the site.



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
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Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim
June 22, 2013

The 13th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim will be staged this Saturday (June 22).

The triathlon will feature a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike, and 10 km run, while the reef swim will offer three courses: 1.5 km, 3.0 km, and 4.5 km.

The event is co-sponsored by the **Marianas Visitors Authority, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.**

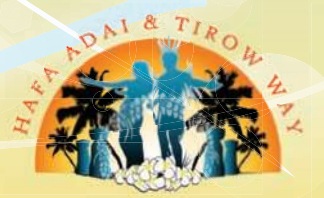
Registration costs are: \$80 for solo triathletes, \$60/each for triathlon teams of two or three members, and \$60 for reef swim only (all distances). Registration fee includes the awards party on event day, a commemorative t-shirt, and swim cap. Registration will be held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino poolside on June 21 from 5-8 p.m., with the mandatory pre-race briefing from 6-7 p.m. at the same venue.



Cash payment only. Registration forms and course maps are downloadable under the event date at the Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com. The awards banquet will be held on June 22, 2013, at 6 p.m. at Taga Beach.

For more information or to register, contact Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 1.670.433.9365 or Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3210.

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Johnson counsel doubts success of possible 2nd settlement talks

» **Lawyer says ongoing settlement discussions last realistic chance for everybody**

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One of the lawyers for retiree Betty Johnson, attorney Margery Bronster, has expressed doubt that a possible second settlement talks will be fruitful if the ongoing NMI Retirement Fund settlement discussions fail.

During Friday's status conference in federal court, Bronster said she believes that if they don't complete the settlement by this month, there will be no time for the retirees and current government employees.

A final settlement conference that will determine whether there will be settlement or not will be conducted between June 24 to 26, 2013, before Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris. U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will hold a status conference on June 26 at 4:45pm.

On Friday, Tydingco-Gatewood said that if no settlement is reached, she will rule on all the motions at a marathon hearing. The judge stated that the parties can go back to settlement talks based on her marathon hearing rulings.

But Bronster doubts the success of a second round of talks.

"I really believe that every-

body should be reminded that this is our last realistic chance to accomplish," Bronster said.

Tydingco-Gatewood urged Bronster and other parties to just be open-minded and expressed hope that she won't have to proceed with the marathon hearings.

Tydingco-Gatewood said they are already almost at the "finish line" in the settlement discussions.

"This is really a difficult for everyone here," said the judge. "I want everybody to know that me and Judge Faris are committed to do what we can to resolve this."

"Think about the employees, retirees who worked in the government for many years. They will be adversely affected," she added.

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Fund: No funding source identified for POB

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Despite promises of a huge windfall from the proposed pension obligation bond, the NMI Retirement Fund is not fully convinced that this is the right solution for the troubled pension agency.

In a Thursday letter to Sen. Jovita Taimanao (R-Saipan), chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Fund trustee *ad litem* Joseph C. Razzano said the Fund will take no position on the pending legislation.

House Bill 18-50 seeks to authorize the Commonwealth Development Authority to issue a pension obligation bond of up

to \$300 million.

"I would like to make clear that the Fund does not have an opinion on whether or not the Commonwealth should incur the debt service associated with issuing a [pension obligation bond]. That being said, should HB 18-50 become a duly-enacted law, and should the POB issue, the Fund would welcome the revenue generated therefrom," said Razzano.

Given these possibilities, however, Razzano recommends changes in the language of the bill to strengthen the POB's viability.

"The expert consensus is that for a POB to be viable, the payments must be secured by a dedicated, certain, and identifiable source. HB 18-50, howev-

er, does not provide the proper funding source for a POB because it allows the secretary of Finance to exercise discretion regarding the POB's security," according to Razzano.

The Fund wants the bill amended to address this concern.

It wants the language on Section D of the bill be changed to: "The CDA is further authorized to pledge as security for the bonds, gross receipts tax as authorized by Commonwealth Code, Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 4, Article 2. The transfer to and deposit of the gross receipts tax [or any other revenues determined by the Secretary of Finance] in a special trust account established pursu-

ant to Section 10460 shall be until the balance in said special trust account is at least equal to debt services due or to become due to the bonds during the succeeding 12 months."

The Fund's position on the pension obligation bond measure was similarly expressed by many retirees at an assembly last week. Besides the unidentified funding source for the proposed bond, many believe that this will not bring the immediate funds needed to extend the lifespan of the retirement program.

In its goal to enlighten and encourage fellow retirees to support the POB bill, Commonwealth Retirees Association president Larry Cabrera said that the "POB will not be an obligation of neither the Fund nor retirees, but an obligation of the CNMI government."

Aldan named acting CPA comptroller

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority named Skye Aldan as its new acting comptroller effective Friday while members of the CPA board unanimously chose Jose Lifofoi anew as their chairman.

Aldan, a graduate of Northern Marianas Academy, has been the agency's accounting staff for almost a year now. She possesses an associate degree in accounting, a bachelor's degree in science in accounting, and a master's degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting from a

university in Hawaii.

The comptroller position was vacated on June 13 following the departure of Derek Sasamoto whose employment contract was not renewed by the board. Sasamoto, who was then offered a special contract to help the agency in its issue with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., has turned down the offer, according to Lifofoi.

Lifofoi said that Sasamoto did not respond to the offer and failed to appear in last week's meeting between CUC and CPA.

In that meeting, CPA was represented by legal counsel Robert Torres, who told *Saipan Tribune*

that both agencies are trying to reach an "equitable resolution to minimize the burden and maximize the benefit for both agencies in terms of utilities and ports facility." Meantime, Lifofoi admitted that it is his desire to rotate the chairmanship of the board to give his colleagues the chance to lead the group. Lifofoi was selected again by his peers by acclamation during Friday's meeting. He told *Saipan Tribune* he is grateful for the vote of confidence.

Elected as vice chairman of the board Friday is Benigno Sablan, while Frances Mafnas was chosen secretary. For the committee chairmanships, Lifofoi assigned Mafnas as the new

head for the finance and fiscal panel; Barrie Toves got the airport facilities committee; while Sablan and Fermin Sakisat each got the seaports facility and personnel committee chairmanships respectively.

Lifofoi vows to complete the priority projects of the agency, including the rehabilitation of the main runway on Saipan, the repair and maintenance of the airport and seaport facilities, and regular compliance with the bond indenture agreements for both airports and seaports.

Lifofoi is also chairman of the board of the United Micronesian Development Association and the Republic of Palau's honorary consul general to the CNMI.

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tourism industry. If he could have his way, he would like any additional revenue to be pumped into the NMI Retirement Fund.

The governor has until July 31 to revise the \$123.4 million projected revenue for fiscal year 2014 that he submitted to the Legislature.

Fiscal year 2014 is from Oct. 1, 2013, to Sept. 30, 2014.

From the original projection of \$114 million, the proposed 2014 budget was adjusted to \$123.4 million and could increase in a month or so.

"[It's] very possible [to revise the budget] because we keep seeing continuous increase in tourism activity. We just want to know if it's going to be sustainable. And so that's what we're trying to do," Inos said in an interview at the Agricultural Fair in Susupe on Saturday morning.

Inos said he would like any additional increase to go into

the Retirement Fund, even as some departments and agencies have been asking the House Ways and Means Committee to increase their budget.

The Inos administration proposed \$20 million to be remitted to the pension agency in fiscal year 2014.

At the same time, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said Saturday that the Senate will carefully weigh the revenue-generating bills that the House of Representatives passed, including the Saipan casino gaming bill, the pension obligation bond bill, the electronic gaming bill, and the tax amnesty bill.

These bills are meant to extend the Fund's lifespan beyond 2014.

Most of these House revenue-generating bills have been with the Fiscal Affairs Committee that Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) chairs.

Torres said the Senate may hold a session this week. Among other things, he would like to ask committees reviewing revenue-generating bills about the

progress of their reviews and the course of actions they have so far taken, especially the pension obligation bond and tax amnesty bills.

The Senate president said he is confident that his committee chairs "will do their due diligence and recommend to the body what their committee believes is the best course of action for each bill."

As for the Saipan casino bill, Torres said two committees are reviewing it now.

He said his position on the issue has been consistent for years—that he would like voters to decide whether they want casino gaming on Saipan.

However, he said, "I would like to keep an open mind."

"If you look at my track record, I've always believed that the people should vote on the casino bill. But again I don't want to close my doors, that's what I believe; however I want to get more input from the community on what course of action is best but at the same time I would like to see our Legislature and the administration also

give other effort to address the retirement issue rather than just casino itself," he said.

Torres reiterated that the government should look into reconsidering JG Sablan's pozolan mining permit for Pagan. The matter has been in court and Torres said he doesn't think it benefited the CNMI "in any way for the last seven years."

'Focus'

Inos, the titular head of the Covenant Party, said his focus is on addressing the critical issues of the Retirement Fund, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and other public services, responding to another media's questions about the 2014 gubernatorial elections.

He said at the right time, "I certainly will give that due consideration."

"I don't want to be distracted with the political landscape," he added.

The Covenant Party, he said, remains intact, and they welcome others to join or coalesce with the party.

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Inos signs almost \$3.5M but with caution to lawmakers

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a local bill appropriating almost \$3.5 million in poker fees for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance and other Saipan programs, but cautioned lawmakers on certain issues.

Inos said recipients of the funds from poker revenues must be cognizant that anticipated revenues are less than the appropriated amount.

As such, pursuant to Section 7 of the legislation, the appropriations will be reduced proportionately to the amounts actually collected and available.

Section 4(a)(b) of the bill amends the initial appropriations for the National Mock Trial Championship team to pay for the team's actual incidental expenses.

Inos said the Finance secretary is instructed to ensure receipts are certified and that expenses are ordinary and necessary.

The governor also cautioned lawmakers when passing appropriation measures from referencing projects as "various projects."

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me, being his eldest niece," his niece, Maggie, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "He passed away Sunday around 9am Saipan time, on Father's Day."

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that Crisostimo "had the heart and passion for protecting people of Northern Marianas descent. He gave back to our community."

"I've always respected him and will continue to remember his soft and kind heart. On behalf of the Senate, our condolences go out to the family. He will be greatly missed," Torres said.

Within hours of the former senator's passing, social media was abuzz with tributes to him. One of the most remarkable tributes came from Maryann Calvo, who served at Crisostimo's Senate office for years and a dear friend.

"Today we lost a great man, Senator Luis Palacios Crisostimo Jr., whose life meant so much to so many people," Calvo said. "While cancer may have taken his life, it will not take away from his legacy."

Calvo said that Crisostimo was a loving husband to his wife, Maria, an outstanding father to his three children, Monica, Luis Jr. and Dwight, and a doting grandfather to their two grandchildren, Dwight II and Cassidy.

She also described Crisostimo as a modern-day philanthropist who touched many lives, especially the youth. Calvo also spoke of Crisostimo's contributions to the private sector as a businessman and to the CNMI's economic progress as a senator. "While today is a somber day

"Projects should be specifically and properly identified to ensure funds are used for those specific projects and that funds are adequately allocated," Inos said.

The governor signed Rep. Antonio Agulto's (IR-Saipan) House Local Bill 18-9, Substitute 1 into Saipan Local Law 18-3.

The bill's co-sponsors are Reps. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan).

Under the new local law, \$3 million goes to SHEFA for poker revenues collected for fiscal year 2013 pursuant to SLL 11-2.

The other \$183,000 from SLL 11-2 is appropriated as follows: \$100,000 for the SHEFA operations; \$20,000 for Saipan Little League; \$15,000 for the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival; \$5,000 for the Agricultural Fair; \$5,000 for Saipan Fishing Derby; \$3,000 for Spear Fishing Association; \$15,000 for Liberation Day activities; and \$20,000 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's operational funds.

Fund balances pursuant to SLL 11-15 and SL 17-16 were also re-appropriated to various development projects in Precinct 5.

because of his passing, there are still many things to be grateful for. It was an honor to have been surrounded by the soul of a good Samaritan for 52 years. It is not often that we encounter such a selfless individual who makes it his life's mission to touch the lives of others. He never closed his doors to those who came knocking for help, and whatever successes he encountered, he made sure to share it with the community. All in all, his presence made this world a better place," Calvo added.

Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), who served with Crisostimo since the latter entered the Senate, said Crisostimo's passing is a "sad day."

"Though there were many times we differed on issues, I miss his colorful presence, his unpredictability, but I admire his passion and advocacy for NMDs' rights. I know he will be sorely missed," Reyes said.

Former Senate president Paul Manglona, who also served with Crisostimo when the latter became senator in the 14th Legislature, said the CNMI will miss a "good friend" in Crisostimo.

"He was suffering during his last term but he is now resting. We are going to miss a good friend. Our prayers go out to the family and children," he said.

Crisostimo, in an interview in February 2012 right after returning from treatment in California, said he hopes that someday the CNMI will become an independent nation and not a Commonwealth of the United States.

Crisostimo was born on Nov. 26, 1960. His remains will be brought back to Saipan, where he will be laid to rest. Nightly Mass and Rosary started last night at San Vicente Church at 6pm.

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to 98,933 in the fourth quarter 2012.

Average daily hotel rate also improved to \$100.18, compared to \$93.58.

Average hotel occupancy rate also increased from 61.5 percent to 72.6 percent under the quarter under review.

Import tonnage, meanwhile, dropped from 104,360 tons to 70,800 tons. These include entry into the CNMI of petroleum, oil, lubricants, cement, garment, food, construction materials, beverages, vehicles, heavy equipment, among other things.

The number of phone lines went up from 28,694 to 30,938.

The value of construction, meanwhile, decreased from \$3.36 million to \$2.99 million,

and so was the number of building permits, from 27 to 22.

There were no third and fourth quarter 2012 data for government collection from taxes and fees and expenditures. The latest was only up to the second quarter of 2010.

The Commerce report also showed increases in consumer price index on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The economic indicators

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CHC assured of \$5M for equipment

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Health Center has been guaranteed \$5 million for the procurement of medical equipment and tools by the Inos administration, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña.

In a report to the corporation board, Muña said these funds will come from reprogrammed monies of the local capital improvement project for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and will be released next week.

The priority projects included in the \$5 million "secured" funds are air-conditioning system replacement for the hospital, sprinklers, elevators, and water pump system, among others.

Due to the alarming condition of the hospital's water pump system, Muña said this specific project will be prioritized at this time due to the urgency to have it replaced. This will cost about \$200,000 and will be emergency procured within the month, she added.

Muña disclosed that she is closely working with the governor's legal adviser, James Stump, on these CIP-funded projects for the hospital.

A team from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is expected to visit the hospital anytime soon to check whether it has remedied the several concerns the federal agency raised during a prior visit. The results of the new inspection will decide the fate of CHC's certification with the federal health agency.



Muña

According to Muña, the hospital has just completed its weeklong mock survey by the U.S. Commissioned Corps and she described the results as "pretty good."

"They've seen improvements in the last three weeks and a lot of things we mentioned in the corrective action plans for CMMS are seen corrected. Progress on policies were also noted [in the mock survey]," Muña reported during Thursday's meeting of the board.

Although there are still concerns, Muña said the mock survey found nothing that could result in an "immediate jeopardy" status for the facility.

Some of the citations noted in the mock survey, according to Muña, included concerns on the continuing need for training and mentorship of the hospital dietitian, issues on quality assurance and performance and improvement (QAPI), among others.

Muña noted that as long as progress is being made, CMMS will be considerate of the hospital's situation.

"There is no immediate jeopardy found, although there was a concern on the physical environment. But as you know, we're waiting for the CIP funds to repair, replace, and procure some of these items," according to Muña.

Website, missing equipment

Muña also reported to the board that the corporation's website will be functional starting last Friday. She said information about the organization and its programs will all be posted on the website, including some available minutes of the CHCC board meetings.

Muña also assured the board that she is working on getting a staff dedicated to the board, perhaps a part-time employee, to ensure that all board documents are filed and organized.

Last Thursday, the board was informed about the hospital's "missing" dental equipment, as reported by Dr. Sherleen Osman, director for Medical Affairs. Muña had assured the board that she will look into the matter.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* last Friday, Muña said, "There are no missing equipment. That is confirmed." No further details were provided.



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Man arrested on Rota for alleged burglary

Police arrested on Thursday on Rota a 39-year-old man who allegedly burglarized a house and stole assorted jewelry, a computer, and other items totaling \$3,440.

Melvin Atalig Sablan was taken to Saipan Superior Court for his initial appearance hearing on Friday on charges of

burglary, theft, and criminal mischief.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail for Sablan's temporary release.

Police detective Randy Jesse S.N. Taisacan stated in his report that a man called the Department of Public Safety on

June 6, 2013, at 6:50pm, to file a burglary and theft complaint.

Taisacan said the victim learned about the burglary upon returning home from work that night and noticed that the window was open and its screen was torn.

Some missing items from the house were a Toshiba lap-

top with mouse, a silver Canon camera, a DeWalt skill saw, and a box of jewelry that contained silver necklaces, earrings, rings, anklets, and bracelets.

Taisacan said he met with the victim the following day and that the victim told him he had information about the burglary.

Taisacan said a witness then

disclosed to him that on June 7 at 8:45am, Sablan came to her residence in Sinapalo I and showed her items that he wanted to sell.

The witness bought some items from Sablan for \$300, which was paid using a personal check.

Taisacan said the second witness revealed that Sablan asked

her to help him sell some items belonging to his former wife.

The second witness drove the suspect to the house of the buyer to sell the jewelry, laptop, a digital camera, and MP4 player for a total of \$300.

The second witness also revealed that, on June 6 she also drove Sablan to a house of the second buyer, who bought from him the skill saw and a digital camera, all worth \$110. (Saipan Tribune)

Wespac to host summer program for eligible high school students

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

A summer program sponsored and funded by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council will be held this summer for eligible high school students. This two-week summer institute is open to a limited

number of enrollees. It teaches high school lessons and skills on fishery management.

Those who participate will be introduced to a lot of lecture and activity topics about fishery management. Topics include fish biology and identification, local and federal fishery enforcement programs,

boating safety, marine debris and marine invasive species, Chamorro and Carolinian traditional fishing methods, canoeing skills and management, and more.

Field trips will be taken to places on the island related to fishing management such as

Lau Lau Bay, Forbidden Island, NMC-CREES, boating access facilities, and fresh fish markets. Boating trips will also be made to marine sanctuaries and protected areas. Participants will also get hands-on training on canoe paddling and boat sailing.

The enrollment is limited to

20 students and is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The deadline for application submissions is June 22. High school students from the 9th to 12th grade who want to participate are required to submit the application and necessary documents. Copies of the applications can be found at Kagman High School, Marianas High

School, and Saipan Southern High School.

Interested high school students may call James Yangetmai at 286-6643 or email him at a203paradise@gmail.com or call the program director, Jack Ogumoro, at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources in Lower Base at 287-9482/322-9482.

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CNMI food stamp, other-NMI-related bills move in DC

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REPORTER

Three measures concerning the CNMI moved forward in the U.S. Congress last week, including a House committee directive to the U.S. Agriculture secretary to provide a report on the feasibility of including the CNMI in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the national food stamp program.

Besides the start of a U.S. Senate debate on a sweeping immigration reform bill that includes a pathway to citizenship for thousands of legal foreign workers in the CNMI, the U.S. House also approved the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 that also requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard unit for the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the House Appropriations Committee, in its report released last week along with the 2014 spending bill for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, instructed the USDA secretary to determine whether the CNMI is capable of administering SNAP "in the same way that U.S. states administer the program."

"This means ensuring that

only eligible households receive assistance, maintaining the financial integrity of the program, and paying a share of administrative costs, among other requirements," Sablan said.

Because food stamp benefits are expected to double, he said the local share of administrative costs will be more than covered by the additional tax revenues from grocery store sales.

A 2010 independent report confirmed the tax increases resulting from some \$12 million to \$25 million in additional benefits coming to the CNMI from SNAP.

Sablan said the committee also approved President Barack Obama's request of \$12.148 million for the CNMI food stamp block grant.

"This keeps funding at the higher level that Secretary [Tom] Vilsack provided to the Northern Marianas at my request, after the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act boosted funding nationally by 13 percent. Next week, the full House will take up the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013, H.R. 1947. The FARRM bill also directs the Secretary to study the feasibility of SNAP in the Northern Marianas, and provides \$31.5 million to begin setting up the pilot pro-

gram," he said.

The U.S. Senate's comprehensive immigration reform bill with provisions for the CNMI also moved to the floor last week after the passage of two procedural motions.

S.744 has a provision that allows long-term, legal foreign workers to apply for "green card" after an additional five-year waiting period. Green card or U.S. permanent residency is a pathway to citizenship.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in an interview on Saturday, said he's "really happy" with the latest development on the immigration bill that has a CNMI-specific provision.

However, just like Sablan, Inos said he is "still cautiously optimistic as far as House action is concerned."

"We know the House position. At least the Republicans. I just hope that they find some middle ground but whatever the case may be, I hope that they take into account our special, unique situation out here in the Commonwealth. And I hope that they can consider us and give us the relief that we're asking," the governor said in an interview at the Agricultural Fair in Susupe.

Sablan reiterated that Section 2109 of the bill, which addresses the long-term status of certain residents in the CNMI,

"remains unchanged since the bill's introduction; and no amendments have been filed."

Moreover, the U.S. House approved the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2014 by a vote of 315-107.

The bill includes a provision requiring DoD to report to Congress on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard unit for the CNMI, thanks to an amendment offered by Delegate Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), who serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

Sablan said the bill also creates a "Commission on Service to the Nation" to study the effects of warfare on members of the Armed Forces, their families, and communities.

He said the Commission would be required to hold at least one hearing in each of the 50 States, D.C., and, thanks to a floor amendment offered by Reps. Alan Grayson (D-Florida) and Pedro Pierluisi (D-Puerto Rico), the territories.

"The annual Defense Authorization Act provides the U.S. military with the resources it needs and gives service men and women the support they deserve. Of particular note, this year's bill advances measures to address sexual assaults and provides a 1.8 percent pay increase for the military," Sablan added.

Tinian Dynasty's Blythe appears in court, pleads not guilty

Tinian Dynasty casino manager Tim Blythe appeared in federal court on Friday to answer the charges that he conspired with others to allow gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than \$10,000 without filing the required paperwork with the U.S. government.

Blythe, who appeared with lawyer Mark B. Hanson,

pleaded not guilty.

The indictment charged Blythe, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, Ltd., which owns Tinian Dynasty, and VIP services manager George Que with one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report and nine counts of caus-

ing a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report.

The court allowed the temporary release of Blythe upon posting a \$50,000 unsecured bond.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recently vacated the arrest warrant and instead is-

sued a summons for Blythe to appear in court.

Federal agents arrested Que and executed warrants to seize Tinian Dynasty property and its money in bank accounts in April 2013. Blythe was not arrested as he was off-island at the time.

Que is out on bail. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 17, 2005

Govt spends an average of \$11M for service contracts

Consulting services and other independent contracts of the government cornered an average of \$11.8 million every fiscal year in the last eight years, with the highest outlay of \$18 million posted in FY 1997 and the lowest, \$8.2 million, in FY 2002. Documents obtained by the Saipan Tribune showed that the CNMI government spent a total of \$95 million in professional services from FY 1997 to FY 2004. In FY 2005, the Department of Finance listed \$4.9 million in spending so far, broken down as follows: \$3.6 million for the Saipan Executive Branch; \$85,608 for the Judicial Branch; \$329,334 for the Legislative Branch; \$216,711 for the Rota Executive Branch, \$374,890 for the Tinian Executive Branch, and \$280,805 for the Washington Representative Office.

Govt clamps down on aggressive solicitations

Effective immediately, the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety said that they will aggressively enforce the law barring persons from loitering on a public thoroughfare for commercial gain. This means that persons who are caught repeatedly shouting, beckoning, grabbing, aggressively handing out fliers, or engaging in similar conduct designed to lure persons into an establishment or to engage in a legal or illegal activity will be arrested and charged. Such activity is barred from the Paseo de Marianas and Duty Free Shops shopping malls, as well as all sidewalks, squares, parking lots, and streets. This is a misdemeanor offense that includes a fine of up to \$1000 and up to 30 days imprisonment.

June 17, 2006

May arrivals post weak numbers

For the month of May 2006, the CNMI welcomed 37,247 visitors, posting a decline of 4.8 percent over the 39,125 visitor arrivals in May 2005. Still, this is a slight improvement in arrival performance, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority, when compared with the past seven consecutive months when arrivals experienced double-digit declines. The top market performers in arrivals were led by China (+77%), Korea (+65%), and the Philippines (+40%). The CNMI's second largest market, South Korea, reached 7,165 visitors, a double-digit growth of 65 percent for the month of May 2006 compared with May 2005.

Wire transfer receipts for \$20K seized in raid

The Federal Bureau of Investigation confiscated during a raid at the residence of former Coastal Resources Management official Benny K. Pangelinan some wire transfer receipts indicating that a total of \$20,089.99 were sent to three persons in the Netherlands. According to FBI special agent Joseph E. Auther in papers filed in federal court, they seized numerous wire transfer receipts, the defendant's computer, and his passport during a search at Pangelinan's residence in Susupe on June 9, 2006. Auther said that, among the Western Union wire transfer receipts were the transfer of \$11,000 from Roberto Dela Cruz and Rene Azucenas to Michael Andrew, Raymond Levin, and Stephen Ralf in the Netherlands on May 1 and 2, 2006.

June 17, 2007

Red Cross alerts NMI to scam

Although there has been no report yet of anyone in the CNMI being victimized, the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter wants to alert people to a new scam being perpetrated against families with relatives serving in the U.S. military. The scam begins with a phone call. The voice on the other line says it's the American Red Cross, and they're calling to inform the military spouse or family member that their loved one in the military has been injured. However, the caller says that the wounded soldier can't receive medical attention until they retrieve some information that includes the soldier's Social Security number.

Over 1,100 on Saipan get flu shots

At least 1,153 Saipan community members availed of free flu shots during the Department of Public Health's flu vaccine drive on Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. According to Public Health program analyst Roxanne Diaz, "It has been a great response from the community." She said the 1,153 total was the tally 15 minutes before the event was to be closed. Diaz said some Northern Marianas College nursing students and members of the National Honors Society from Marianas High School and Mt. Carmel School helped as volunteers during the vaccine drive. The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter led by its director, John Hirsh, also helped.



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Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 28, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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'Proposed NOAA rule may overturn shark protections'

Approval of a proposed federal rule in its current form has the potential to overturn the shark fin trade bans that the CNMI and nine other states and territories have passed, according to Pew Charitable Trusts, an independent non-profit, non-governmental organization.

On Jan. 27, 2011, the CNMI became the first U.S. territory to ban shark fins.

The CNMI law prohibits possession, selling, offering for sale, trading, or distributing shark fins in the Commonwealth. It,

however, allows catching of sharks for subsistence or non-commercial purposes.

To date, 10 U.S. states and territories have passed shark protection laws, including California, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Oregon, Washington State, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is proposing a rule to implement the Shark Conservation Act of 2010, which Pew Charitable Trusts said closed loopholes in

the previous U.S. shark finning law by requiring that sharks be landed at port with their fins naturally attached to their bodies.

To further protect sharks, some states and territories passed additional legislation. In most locations, these measures ban the possession, sale, and trade of shark fins.

"Implementing the provisions of the Shark Conservation Act should not be used to overturn state laws that are more protective than federal law," The Pew Charitable Trusts said.

The Pew Charitable Trusts has launched a campaign encouraging the public to let NOAA know that the implementing regulations of the Shark Conservation Act undermine state and territory shark laws.

The deadline for comments

on the proposed rule is expected to be July 8.

People can comment using The Pew Charitable Trusts web-

site at <https://secure3.convio.net/pew/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1748>.

For more information, contact Angelo Villagomez at avillagomez@pewtrusts.org. (*Saipan Tribune*)

Bordallo wants comment period for rule extended

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) recently joined Rep. Sam Farr, Rep. Jared Huffman and Rep. Lois Capps in urging the National Marine Fisheries Service to extend the public comment period on a proposed rule to implement provisions of the Shark Conservation Act of 2010.

The Members expressed their concern that the preemption provision in the NMFS'

draft rule would take away a much-needed tool that states and territories use to protect and recover dwindling shark populations. To ensure all stakeholders are provided with an ample opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rule, and to ensure that shark conservation efforts are implemented fairly, they requested to extend the comment period by a full 60 days to Aug. 16, 2013. (PR)

Just 4 slots left for 'Ridge to Reef' summer program

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Only four slots remain for the American Memorial Park's Ridge to Reef Summer program for 4th and 5th graders.

Ridge to Reef, which will start on July 15, is a weeklong environmental education program aimed at strengthening students' understanding of interconnectedness between land (terrestrial) and sea (marine).

The program's goals are to introduce the roles wetlands and forests, watersheds, and marine protected areas play in the coral reef health and in public health; to help students recognize the interconnectedness of these systems; and to have them share this knowledge with family and friends.

Parents of children interested in the program should note that the meeting place and times are from Monday to Friday at 8am to noon (some days the program will end at 2pm) at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center. Parents should plan to

provide transportation for their child to and from the center.

Children who are participating in the program should bring healthy snacks (the park recommends "garbage free" lunch/snacks in reusable containers), a plastic cup or water bottle with the child's name on it for drinking water, insect repellent, sunscreen, hiking or running shoes with proper grip and traction that can get wet and dirty, shorts, a bathing suit and towel, and clothing for rainy weather such as raincoats, umbrellas, and others.

The park will be providing water and ice, a sun visor, and reusable water bottles for the program. Parents are encouraged to provide their children with a water bottle for the first day of the program.

Contacts for the summer program are NPS Park Ranger Nancy Kelcher at 483-7253, Division of Environmental Quality Avra Heller at 664-8500, NPS Park Ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor at 287-2225, or NPS Park Ranger Rose Leon Guerrero at 287-7677.

Dig into reading this summer

Readers of all ages will explore all things underground this summer as Joeten-Kiyu Public Library presents "Dig Into Reading" during their summer library program. Activities will include programs such as read-aloud and craft, movie day, special guest readers/speakers, field trip day, and cultural activities.

The program is open to young people, preschool through

young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, cultural activities, a reading club, and more. Registration for Dig Into Reading begins on June 18. For more information, visit the library on Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 6pm; or Saturday, 9am to 4 pm, or call the library at 235-7316 or 7322 or visit www.cnmilibrary.com. All programs are free of charge. (PR)



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The hope of progress on immigration reform

After years of rancorous debate and at least one election in which Hispanics flexed their political muscle, an immigration reform bill is moving forward in the U.S. Senate. On Tuesday, the Senate voted overwhelmingly, 84-15, to begin final debate on the “Gang of Eight”—four Democrats and four Republicans—immigration bill.

The compromise is really about two issues: border security and a path to citizenship. Republicans demanded the former, Democrats the latter. The fate of immigration reform will ultimately depend on the willingness of each side to find the right compromise.

That’s why Senate Republicans and Democrats have consistently crossed party lines to vote down amendments that would tip the balance too far one way or the other.

When Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., attempted to place an amendment to the bill in committee that would have extended immigration benefits to the gay partners of American citizens, he lost the support of fellow Democrats and had to withdraw the bill. (He re-introduced it Tuesday.) Republicans similarly, and fittingly, balked at various “poison pill” amendments that Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, attempted to insert.

However, Texas’ other senator, John Cornyn, is pushing a 134-page amendment that is not so easily shot down. The backing of Cornyn, the senior senator from a key border state, and the Senate’s No. 2 Republican, could go a long way in shoring up GOP support of the immigration bill.

But that assumes his amendment offers a workable solution. This newspaper does not believe it does.

In general, we support his aim of beefing up border security. But his solution seems impractical. Among other provisions, it would require that Customs and Border Protection apprehend 90 percent of illegal border crossers before the path toward citizenship is triggered; the current rate is estimated between 40 and 55 percent. Homeland Security officials say it’s a goal they should be able to meet, but at what cost? As fellow Republican Lindsey Graham said, the estimated \$20 billion would “break the bank.”

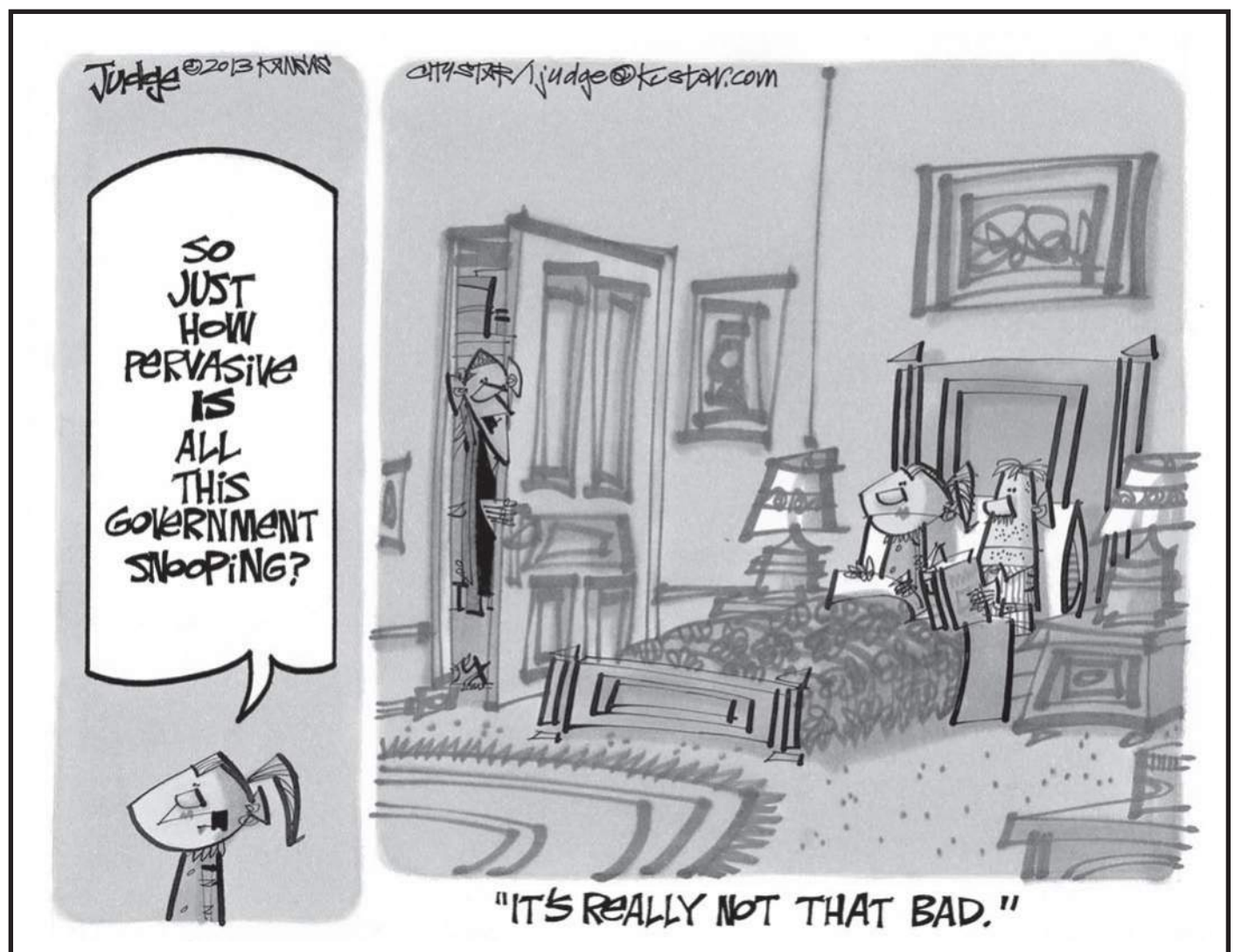
But perhaps Cornyn wouldn’t have felt compelled to set such unrealistic security benchmarks had Democrats not been so unwilling to negotiate firmer triggers on a path to citizenship, which goes beyond the path to legalization this newspaper has long advocated.

In the House, a bill that mirrors Cornyn’s has been proposed by Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas. We have similar concerns about it.

The House is the wild card in the immigration reform game. Republicans, many of whom oppose any path to legalization without verifiable border security benchmarks, hold 234 of the 435 House seats. Even if the Senate’s Gang of Eight bill is passed, it will have to be reconciled with whatever bill, or package of bills, the House approves.

That’s when the real action will occur, later this summer. The trick is to get there, with the strongest bill possible.

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An elegy to Uncle Sam

Elegy is a literary complaint, a lament, a dirge. Chosen as the title of a Chinese TV series in the late '80s, it suggested a shift in Beijing policy from the navigating eunuch Zheng He's extending of Zhongguo's interests beyond its borders in the early 1500, to the Ming Dynasty's cowering behind the Great Wall, making the nation complacent as a self-satisfied Middle Realm, weak on defense, and dismissive of the rest of the world.

The series was started before the Tiananmen Square fiasco. Cancellation of the series followed. The lament was construed as a critique of China's history, a no-no in a country that goes defensively spastic on the slight perception of imbalance in national image.

Somewhere after the 9/11 disaster, the U.S. decided to go defense by heightening offense. Spread of the military, especially in areas with vital fossil fuel interests, bolstered by a virtually unlimited budget disproportionate to expenditures on domestic social programs, gave vultures of privatization views of a gold mine, and the *semper fi* talons got sharpened around the world. It's accompanying covert and intelligence operations latched to the burgeoning technology of information gathering in the earnest effort to pinpoint sources of disinformation. The irony was that the trackers were themselves the source and masters of disinformation.

Came Manning to feed Wikileaks, and then Snowden's revelations of NSA's complicity in widespread information gathering of everyone in cyberspace. Patriots are quick to denounce “treason,” not on official snooping and unconstitutional trawling, but rather on the whistleblowers. Snowden is on the run when he should be pinned a medal for civic responsibility.

Not surprisingly, the ACLU is hauling the NSA and Obama to court for breaking the law on its citizen's constitutional rights.

As a foreign student who openly expressed political opinions in the '60s, we simply assumed that Uncle Sam would keep a record of our movements. That it would continue to keep an eye on our tracks when we went ahead and worked for one of its federal programs in the '80s, more so when we had to be vetted so our spouse could continue in the foreign service, it was a fair assumption that we stayed on a watchdog's list. With the technology available in data storage and processing, and academe's analytical service as no mean pencil pushing activity, we stay away from ever developing the impression that we cross the threshold of criminality, let alone treason.

Now, using the old adage that the best antidote to government dysfunction is to let the sunshine in (normally used against practices of corruption), we strongly affirm the Second Amendment not to insist on right but rather to enable accuracy and understanding in public discourse, the foundation of all societal order.

Something radical changed after 9/11. It became treasonous just to appear abetting “the enemy.” Iran, the cradle of ancient civiliza-

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tion, just had an open election and the best the White House can say was that it was conducted under restrictive conditions, and the popular vote will have no bearing on the Revolutionary Guards and policy making. This in light of Saudi Arabia's monarchy and the Cheney presidency?

Stories of incarcerations without legal representation outside of U.S. sovereign geography, particularly at Guantanamo, became acceptable. AG Eric Holder took it for granted that a formal conversation with journalists can be conducted off the record. He got a scathing *NY Times* editorial. A general before the congressional NSA hearing, when asked by a congressman about the monitoring of his cell phone calls, casually asked for a closed door session to answer the query.

We could all go tsk-tsk-tsk in haloed civic self-righteousness, save the same dynamic in the national stage is playing out in our backyard. Two guys are not on the run but they were pretty vocal about the nature of the management style of their employ and suddenly they are functionally shown the door. In the last NMC Board of Regents' meeting, we learn of students' plaint that the two teachers whose contracts had not been renewed must first be shown that they were derelict in their academic duties ushered out the door because of incompetence and not because they stuck their neck against management.

We are harping at the discomfort of the educated bourgeoisie. Challenges around the world are hardly in the nature of violations against constitutional niceties. The sorry state of the global financial structures over which we preside as provider of the global currency of exchange is wreaking havoc over the lives of many around the world whose resources and labor are paid for by the fruits of our imperial oversight. Poverty, inexcusable in a world of plenty, abides even in our aggie plains, city wards, and Atlantic/Pacific shores.

We in the CNMI are a small entity beholden to the decisions of the feds, particularly of Defense. Hardly would a squeaky mouse's elegy catch the elephant and the donkey's attention that is poised to blow into smithereens the cliffs of Pagan. Nevertheless, we sing our lament by the lagoon, not unlike the songs of Zion by the rivers of Babylon with a '60's tune: Which side are you on?

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‘Screw-up, cover-up, and move-up!’

It matters to upright citizens what happens to our national government, its success reliant upon first principles penned by the founding fathers, and still the envy of nations the world over.

Troubling though that our democratic republic may be in peril. President Obama has cavalierly violated constitutionally protected rights of citizens.

He stands at the center of a halo calling the IRS intrusive actions against dissenting citizens “outrageous!” But he was mute when Lois Lerner, an IRS official, declared she didn’t do anything wrong. She simultaneously invoked the Fifth Amendment before a congressional panel. *Non sequitur* all the way around!

The ruling elite expends so much energy feuding over how bureaucrats rewrote a set of talking points on Benghazi, wrote nationally syndicated columnist James Taranto.

“But if the purpose of that rewriting was, as it appears to have been, to deceive voters and bolster the president’s re-election prospects, then it was a subversion of democracy.

“And the IRS scandal was a subversion of democracy on a massive scale. The most fearsome and coercive arm of the administrative state embarked on a systematic effort to suppress citizen dissent against the party in power. Thomas Friedman is famous for musing that he wishes America could be China for a day. It turns out we’ve been China for a while.”

Obama now finds it difficult defending himself of innocence, when even the mainstream media that were once enamored by his superb oratory abilities no longer buy his deceitful rain and fire dance. Mr. O, our country was founded on proven principles. You have no business with your leftist bunch shredding the basic document that has held our country for over 200 years!

The savaging or subversion of citizens’ First Amendment rights under the thin veil of national security was never the intent of our founding fathers. The storm of scandals has now shifted into a WH “screw-up, cover-up and move-up”—job promotion for the “we few” loyal friends.

More dirt from DC’s filthy swamp

A farming measure has cleared one of the two chambers of Congress. When you hear of this legislation, it instantly conjures “farm-

ers in overalls, driving beat-up tractors, trying to scratch out a living from the soil.

Dr. Ed Feulner, founder of Heritage Foundation, calls the legislation “Grapes of Wrath,” given that it doesn’t begin to match reality. Typical recipients of federal farm subsidies include:

■ **Carter’s Farms, Inc., of Plains, Ga.:** The farm owned by former President Carter and his family collected \$272,288 from 1995 through 2012.

■ **Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack:** During that same period, he received \$82,874 for his 592-acre farm in Davis County, Iowa.

■ **Manhattan residents:** There are no farms in this, one of the most urban areas on earth, but residents there have collected subsidies totaling nearly \$9 million in the past seven years.

■ **The Rockefeller family:** John may have started the family fortune by founding Standard Oil in 1870, but Mark F. Rockefeller and David Rockefeller added to the coffers with \$356,018 and \$591,057, respectively, during the last seven years.

■ **Sen. Charles Grassley:** The family farm of the Iowa Republican has collected \$955,192 in taxpayer subsidies from 1995 through 2012.

■ **Mary Ann Mobley:** Miss America of 1959 got \$142,933 for a farm in Madison County, Miss.

“The top recipient of subsidies is Riceland Foods, Inc., which calls itself “the world’s largest miller and marketer of rice.” Its haul between 1995 and 2012: \$554,343,039. This is a company that reported sales of \$1.16 billion during 2011-2012, its fifth consecutive year of billion-plus revenues. Why are they on the dole?

“These ludicrous payments are only part of the problem, believe it or not. Consider what makes up 80 percent of the farm bill: food stamps. Yes, you read that right,” Feulner pointed out.

Violation: Unaccountable government

The founding fathers conceived a democratic republic that established three separate but equal branches of government. It paved the way for what’s known as “checks and balance.”

Recently, though, law professor Jonathan Turley took to the pages of *The Washington Post* to warn about the growth of the administrative state. “The growing dominance of the federal government

significantly, thanks to Tan Holdings and the charter flights coming here weekly from China. It should be obvious to everyone, that that is just not enough!

I just returned to Saipan after four days in Singapore and four days in Hong Kong. The casino in Singapore is like no other casino I have ever been in. And it is packed every day and every evening. Free entry to those with foreign passports; \$100 entry fee for “locals.”

Be advised that Singapore is now considered the wealthiest country in the world. The per capita average annual income now exceeds \$50,000. Not too long ago, it was \$400 per person per year! And that beats out Dubai, the United States, and Norway.

While in Hong Kong, I made two trips to Macau on a ferry that cost \$50 round-trip (70 minutes one way). The ferries were packed both on a Saturday (no surprise) and the following Monday (shocking)! Buses meet the ferries and take folks to the casino of their choice...at no charge!

We live in an age wherein our world is engulfed in turmoil and economic depression. People are searching for venues to “escape” and seem to find it in casinos. One just has to see it to believe it!

We already have gambling here. Having one or more casinos is not an invasion by Satan. It will not destroy the cultural life of these islands. Additionally, it is unfair to compare Saipan to Tinian and/or Rota. There is so much more here to attract tourism.

Additionally, to address item No. 2: A casino will attract more tourists who will spend more money on our island. They will fill the existing hotel rooms, and create a need for more rooms, eat in our restaurants, purchase in our shops, and play golf on our beautiful courses. And, most importantly, will provide jobs, job, jobs!

And, to those who question where the folks will come from to enjoy our casinos, how about Russia, Japan, Korea, China, and yes, even Guam?

It’s no fun being poor. Ask anyone who has had money and subsequently lost it! In today’s vernacular, “it sucks!”

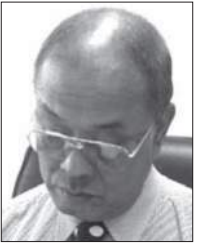
To expect this government to fund Retirement, fund healthcare (desperately needed), and fund education without additional funds is lunacy! It cannot be done. The money is just not there!

My sense, listening to many folks articulating their views on this

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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over the states has obscured more fundamental changes within the federal government itself,” Turley wrote.

“Our carefully constructed system of checks and balances is being negated by the rise of a fourth branch, an administrative state of sprawling departments and agencies that govern with increasing autonomy and decreasing transparency.”

“The administrative state combines the powers of government in the hands of the same officials in violation of the separation of powers principle,” wrote Joe Postell of the Heritage Foundation.

“It is based on unconstitutional delegations of legislative power from Congress to bureaucrats and administrators.

“It violates the principle of republican government, which requires that power—especially legislative power—be derived from the consent of the governed, expressed directly or indirectly through elections.

“The administrative process it follows to adjudicate disputes is fundamentally opposed to the protections offered by the rule of law in the traditional judicial process.

“The Founders gave us a system carefully crafted to divide power, but we’ve allowed bureaucrats to expand their reach.

“Do we want to be governed by the rule of law as hammered out in open legislative debate, carried on by our elected representatives, directly accountable to us?

“Or do we wish to be governed by the expanding rule of regulation, the rule of administrators who are most certainly not accountable to us?” asks Heritage’s Bob Moffit. “The rule of regulation is the rule of regulators. But today, the rule of regulators is arbitrary and unaccountable government.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**It’s no fun being poor**

In your June 12 edition, Phillip Mendiola-Long (Tinian) wrote a very interesting article relating to the financial effects of casino gaming on Saipan, and specifically relative to the financial impact on the Retirement Fund. As we all know, at least those of us who read the local newspapers, much has been written on this subject for years, but from my perspective, this was one of the very good contributions, getting right down to the “nitty-gritty” of the issue of the dollar impact. I was impressed.

That said, I would like to make two salient points:

1. Does casino gaming need to make up *every* dollar required to adequately fund the Fund? Isn’t something better than nothing?

2. There is no mention of the “ripple” effect of casino gaming on Saipan and the additional revenues and jobs generated.

Anyone who is alive and exhibiting a pulse knows the economy here is in big trouble! When the CNMI lost the garment industry and JAL, it was a major double “tap” and neither of those sources of income has been replaced.

If it makes anyone feel better, we are not alone. Many states in the U.S. are experiencing similar economic shortfalls. Some cities have even declared bankruptcy. And, to boot, many of these states/cities are attempting to replace needed funds with casino gaming.

Miami is in the process of building a billion dollar casino near the airport. So is New York City. So are the states of Pennsylvania, and Ohio. And you need look no further than Manila, which has built its third casino and now has a thriving economy! These are economic issues that are currently major concerns in almost all contemporary societies.

There is an old saying: “You cannot give from empty pockets!” Our government just does not have the dollars to adequately fund Retirement. Neither does it have the money to fund education or the hospital adequately. Nor do they pay their electric bills.

Where are the needed funds going to come from? Tourism is up

touchy issue, is that it is less an issue of having a casino but more an issue of how the government will meddle with it.

If a professional (a Donald Trump or a Steve Wynn, for example) in this arena has an interest, give them some land and stand back! There are no “commissioners” overseeing Tan Holdings or Bridge Capital. They are independent businesses that remain successful here and pay their BGRT every month.

If folks here feel that government is going to “line their pockets” then it will absolutely fail. Government needs to find the “right” people to come in here and do this the way it must be done to succeed!

Believe me, it may not produce billions, but it will help an ailing economy recover and contribute to a better way of life here!

Of course, if you continue to delight in the fact that almost half of the population on this island is on Medicaid and thousands are on food stamps, then vote/argue for the “status quo!” But, if you want a better way of life and a higher living standard for all, then you must open your minds to doing things differently than what we have been doing them! The “old” way is just not working any longer!

I wish we could expose you all to what has been accomplished with casino gaming in Singapore, Macau, Foxwoods (Connecticut), Biloxi, Mississippi (where it has built new schools, brought in new teachers, built new roads, and raised the standard of living in that state, from the lowest echelons, to the very top).

Two choices: Continue as an impoverished nation or come into the 21st century and be self-sufficient! We must create a viable tax base and, most importantly, we must create jobs! As our young folks become educated, both here and in the states, we must create an environment that they want to either remain in or return to. There must be jobs for them with “fair” compensation, and opportunity for advancement.

Believe me, an impoverished state will not accomplish that! As both a business owner here and a private citizen, I opt for the latter!

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲89 ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲86 ▼80 |
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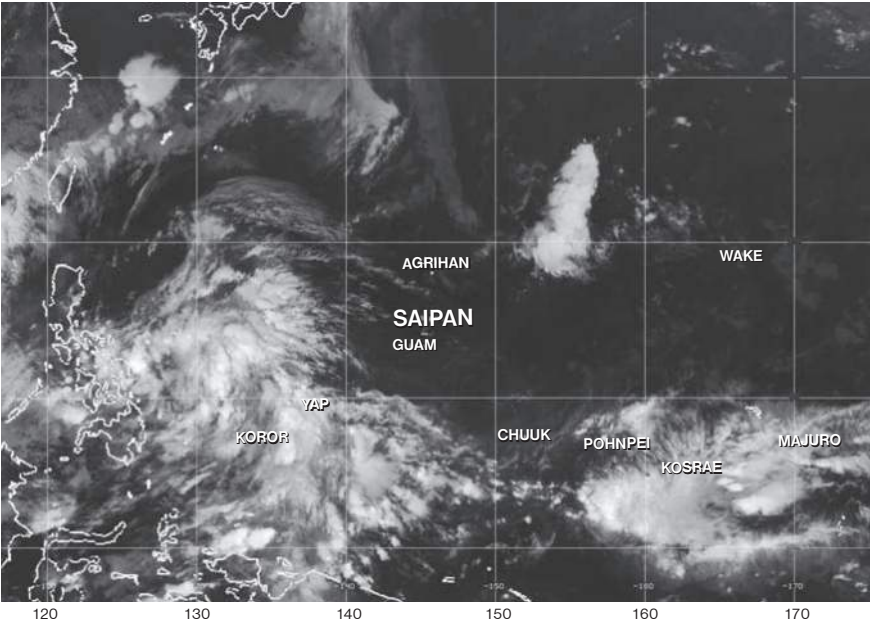
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| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲87 ▼81 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲84 ▼72 |
| London | Rain | ▲60 ▼55 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 ▼62 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲89 ▼80 |
| Melbourne | Showers | ▲54 ▼43 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲86 ▼78 |
| New York | Thundershowers | ▲81 ▼68 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 ▼72 |
| Paris | Rain | ▲75 ▼59 |
| Pusan | Windy | ▲77 ▼68 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲83 ▼68 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 ▼54 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲64 ▼55 |
| Seoul | Thundershowers | ▲80 ▼71 |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | ▲81 ▼70 |
| Washington, DC | Thundershowers | ▲86 ▼73 |

Tides

| Saipan Harbor | | | |
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| 2:33 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 9:23 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.7 Feet |
| 2:45 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.4 Feet |
| 8:37 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.6 Feet |

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is centered east of Mindanao near 8N129E. Convergent low-level winds north and east of the circulation are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over a broad area covering Palau and Yap states between 18N and the equator from 130E to 139E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers south of Chuuk and southeast of Yap within 160 miles of a line from 5N139E to 3N152E. Another circulation is centered southwest of Minami Tori Shima near 22N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Minami Tori Shima between 24N and 19N from 152E to 157E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with strong trade-wind convergence are located south of Majuro and Kosrae within 130 miles of a line from 2N160E to 4N176E.

Sunrise/Sunset

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| Wednesday | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |
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Moonrise/Moonset

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| Wednesday | 2:26 PM | 1:32 AM |
| Thursday | 3:25 PM | 2:20 AM |
| Friday | 4:28 PM | 3:13 AM |

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| UA5062 | 4:50am | 5:40am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5068 | 8:35am | 9:25am | Daily |
| UA5074 | 11:20am | 12:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5076 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | Daily |
| UA5078 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | Daily |
| UA5072 | 9:45pm | 10:35pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:25pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | |
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| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | |
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| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | |
| MU764 | 4:10am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |
| SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV) | | | |
| SYL9950 | 6:40pm | 1:30am+1 | 7 |
| SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO) | | | |
| XF1734 | 4:15pm | 10:30pm | 4 Every other week eff May 16 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | |
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| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
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| UA5062/191 | 4:50am | 9:55am | 3 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:05am | 10:05pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5068/PR111 | 8:35am | 4:35pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
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| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5076/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
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| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) | | | |
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| GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA 5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA5073 | 10:00am | 10:50am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5075 | 1:45pm | 2:35pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA5077 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | Daily |
| UA5079 | 8:20pm | 9:10pm | Daily |
| ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5062 | 3:45am | 4:20am | 1, 3, 5 |
| UA5038 | 11:15am | 11:50am | 6 |
| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:15pm | 12:50am+1 | Daily |
| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 1, 4, 6, 7 |
| BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN | | | |
| MU763 | 7:55pm | 3:10am+1 | 4, 7 |
| GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN | | | |
| SYL9949 | 12:45pm | 5:20pm | 7 |
| VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN | | | |
| XF1733 | 11:20am | 3:25pm | 4 Every other week eff May 16 |
| MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | |
| PR110/UA5072 | 7:55am | 6:25pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL172/288 | 8:00am | 12:50am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 10:55am | 6:25pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA190/5079 | 10:55am | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ704/603 | 11:45pm | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 11:35pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ746/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 10:50pm | 8:05am+1 | 3, 6 GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency | Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily | FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily | FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | | | | | | | |
| FRE 1750 | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily | Tinian-Saipan | | | |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily | FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| Rota-Guam | | | | FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily | FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily | FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| Saipan-Tinian | | | | FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily | FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily | FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily | FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily | FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily | FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY

2013 Summer Youth Employment Training Program Qualifiers

| SAIPAN QUALIFIERS | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Work Schedule: July 1-26, 2013 | | | |
| PARTICIPANT | POSITION | PLACEMENT | WORKSHOP SCHEDULE |
| 1 AGUILO, Austin Blake M. | Parole Officer Aide | Board of Parole | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 2 AGUON, Augustin Bonifacio Jr. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 3 ALARZAR, John Ralph M. | Clinical Attendant Trainee | CHCC-Chest Clinic & Radiology Unit | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 4 ALDAN, Vances Vangelynn K. | Office Assistant Trainee | Commonwealth Ports Authority-Accounting Department | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 5 AMANDUS, Clarence Lee | Office Clerk Trainee | Civil Service Commission-Office of Personnel Management | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 6 ARRIOLA, Sally Joy Felisa S. | Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee | Office of Youth Affairs-Kobleville Youth Learning Center | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 7 ATALIG, Luciana Tado N. | Information Specialists System Navigator Trainee | Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 8 ATAN, Ann B. | Office Assistant Trainee | Commonwealth Office of Motor Vehicle | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 9 ATIN, Joy | Medical Records Technician Trainee | CHCC-Health Information Management Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 10 BABAUTA, Avilyn B. | HR Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Human Resource Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 11 BABAUTA, Crystal Kay B. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 12 BABAUTA, Dasey Dione L. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Enforcement & Compliance Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 13 BABAUTA, David John L. | Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Public Health Admin | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 14 BABAUTA, Davey B. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Office of the Governor-Management & Budget | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 15 BABAUTA, Jacob R. | Sports & Recreation Trainee | DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 16 BABAUTA, John N. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 17 BABAUTA, Veronice Ann S. | Office Clerk Trainee | Board of Parole | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 18 BABAUTA, Versali R. | Medical Records Technician Trainee | CHCC-Health Information Management Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 19 BISEK, Kirie S. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Banking | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 20 BORJA, Britney Ann C. | Office Clerk Trainee | Representative Teresta A. Santos | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 21 CABRERA, Andrew Ryan S. | Warehouseman Trainee | Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 22 CABRERA, Brandon Joe E. | DPL-Administration Trainee | DPL-Administration Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 23 CALAGE, Renee Jefferson S. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Small Business Development | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 24 CAMACHO, Isabel C. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPL-Planning Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 25 CAMACHO, Joanna Lynn T. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Childcare Development & Fund Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 26 CAMACHO, Joshua Michael A. Jr. | Office Assistant Trainee | Transpacific International, Inc.-ITI Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 27 CAMACHO, Kayla Marie R. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DCCA-Secretary's Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 28 CAMACHO, Mikala Marie C. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPL-Real Estate Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 29 CARDINIO, Marinezh Joy B. | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 30 CASTRO, Jeffrey T. Jr. | Supply Technician Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Material Management Office (Lower Base) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 31 CASTRO, Margaret Josephine | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 32 CASTRO, Michael Jordan | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 33 CASTRO, Shaina Nonille | Office Clerk Trainee | Civil Service Commission-Office of Personnel Management | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 34 CHIPWELONG, Tanya | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 35 CRUZ, Ignacio M. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 36 CUCAL, Young Arvi D. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPL-Planning Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 37 DEPIGH, Jeremy | Office Clerk Trainee | SHEFA | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 38 DIONISIO, JulieAnn Marie | Office Assistant Trainee | Commonwealth Ports Authority-Administration (Airport) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 39 DIONISIO, John Alberto K. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 40 DIONISIO, Peter John K. | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 41 DUENAS, Martin C. Jr. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 42 ESNER, Keri Rose C. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 43 ESNER, Kerin Jr. C. | Warehouseman Trainee | Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 44 ESNER, Kinisou Tamison C. | Accounting Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Financial Services-Billing Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 45 FIDEN, Rori Soulik | Office Clerk Trainee | DPS-Traffic | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 46 FLORENCIO, Walter A. Jr. | Sports & Recreation Trainee | DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 47 HELSON, Rosty Davis | Office Clerk Trainee | DPS-Administration | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 48 HOCOG, Baybay Dolores SN | Office Assistant Trainee | Commonwealth Ports Authority-Lease/Compliance & HR | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 49 IGISOMAR, John Davin R. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Office of Senator Jovita M. Taimaano | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 50 ILO, Litvasar Miyoko | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Office of Senator Peter P. Reyes | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 51 ILO, Neguelito Keldia | Office of the Senate President | Representative Felicidad T. Oquendo (Garapan Community Development Center) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 52 ILO, Randyan C. | Youth Leader Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 53 JONES, Joselyn L. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 54 KAIPTAT, Aloia Betty Marie | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 55 KAIPTAT, Christine Mary W. | Clerk Trainee | Office of the Public Defender | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 56 KANESHI, Blanche Ashley M. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPL-Administration Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 57 KAZUJO, Sharlette N. | Office Assistant Trainee | Commonwealth Ports Authority-Administration (Airport) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 58 KENIO, Ia | Office Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Public Health Admin | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 59 KEREMEN, Angela H. | Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee | Office of Youth Affairs-Kobleville Youth Learning Center | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 60 KIKKU, Jerry P. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPS-Highway Safety Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 61 KILELEMAN, John Jr. A. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 62 LIZAMA, Franklin Jay DLS | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 63 LIZAMA, Peyton Giovanni DLS | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DOF-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 64 LUCAS, Petrina Dolores L. | Office of the Senate President | DPS-Logistics & Support Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 65 MALI, Bettina F. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Childcare Development & Fund Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 66 MANABAT, Kiamayla Sabrina P. | Office Clerk Trainee | Commonwealth Cancer Association | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 67 MANALO, Kaysha Shevonne A. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 68 MENCHOR, Mackson M. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Xerox Corporation | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 69 MENDIOLA, Jonathan Walker OJ S. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DCCA-Deputy Secretary's Office | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 70 METTAO, Jessm O. | Fire Trainee | DPS-Fire Division (Fire Station 1-Steupie) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 71 MIONES, Demirose M. | Clerk Trainee | Office of the Public Defender | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 72 MUNA, Shawn L. | Surveyor Aide Trainee | DPL-Planning Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 73 MUNA, Stevelyn Gemel I. | Sports & Recreation Trainee | DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 74 NORECH, Kaystone KN | Parole Officer Aide | Board of Parole | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 75 NORITA, Atrion N. | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 76 OLAITMAN, Tina Del I. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 77 OLOPAL, Jovanni L. | Accounting Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Financial Services-Accounts Payable | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 78 OMENGKAR, Kory Adam M. | Office Clerk Trainee | Representative Ramon A. Tabata | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 79 OSCAR, Nancy A. | Office Clerk Trainee | Office of the Governor-Management & Budget | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 80 PETER, Ramona Noronta C. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 81 PHILLIP, Loveme R. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 82 REYES, Asunson S. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 83 REYES, Suzie I. | Office Clerk Trainee | Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 84 ROES, Esteana A. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 85 RUBEN, Becky | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 86 SABLAN, Julian S. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 87 SABULAO, Christine Mercedes L. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 88 SAN NICOLAS, Daniel Adrian A. | Office Clerk Trainee | Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 89 SANCHEZ, Rodolene Carmen G. | Supply Technician Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Material Management Office (Lower Base) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 90 SANTOS, Jena T. | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 91 SANTOS, Shane Peter T. | Office Clerk Trainee | Department of Commerce-Admin Registrar | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 92 SATUR, Margie Kay | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 93 SECHI, Narden | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 94 SECHI, Nives | Customs Trainee | DOF-Division of Customs Service Airport | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 95 SIKSEI, Mekay Marus S. | License Clerk Trainee | DPS-Bureau of Motor Vehicle | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 96 SIMINA, Justin | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 97 SONGAO, Fred Anthony DLS | Office Clerk Trainee | Office of Senator Ray N. Yumul | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 98 TABILISMA, Ashley T. | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 99 TABILISMA, Samson Ryan T. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPL-Real Estate Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 100 TAIACAN, Christina A. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DCCA-Council for Arts & Culture | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 101 TAITANO, Consolacion P. | Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Public Health Admin | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 102 TAMAN, Derek S. | Office Clerk Trainee | DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 103 TEREGETO, Jesus Wesley P. | Surveyor Aide Trainee | DPL-Planning Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 104 TEREGETO, John Anthony P. | Sports & Recreation Trainee | DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym) | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 105 TIPPINGENI, Mike Jr. N. | Office Clerk Trainee | Board of Professional Licensing/Healthcare Professional Licensing Board | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 106 TORRES, Camille Joy C. | Lab Clerk Trainee | CHCC-Laboratory Unit | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 107 WABAL, Monica Maylani M. | Forestry Trainee | Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 108 WALLY, Walhoun T. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPS-Police Division | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 109 YUGIMANG, Jared | Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee | Office of Youth Affairs-Kobleville Youth Learning Center | Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 110 ZACHIRIAS, Lora W. | Shop Trainee | NMC-Admin Services (Shop) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 1 AGUON, Joel Joe P. | IT Trainee | NMC-Information System/Technology | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 2 AGUON, Joey P. Jr. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Office of Admissions & Records | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 3 AGUON, Margie Edith P. | Cashier Trainee | JG Sablan Water & Ice, Inc. | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 4 ALARZAR, Sharmaine Rose M. | File Clerk Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 5 ALIOMA, Luisito DJ Jr. | Stocker Trainee | NMC-Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 6 AMANDUS, Malcolm David P. | Gift Shop Trainee | Sorensen Media Saipan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 7 AMANTUS, Cathy | Library Aide Trainee | NMHC-Technical Maintenance Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 8 ATALIG, Ayaanne Beanne T. | Office Clerk Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 9 ATAN, Aderson B. | Library Aide Trainee | Aqua Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 10 BAAMTH, Tabetha Alyssa | F&B Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 11 BABAUTA, Hananya A. | Sales Clerk Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Dandan Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 12 BABAUTA, Joana B. | Accounting Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Department Store | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 13 BALBIN, Emishya D'ahne I. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Department Store | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 14 BASIENTE, Bryan J. | F&B Trainee | JET Holding Company-J's Bowling | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 15 BELL, Belmina | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Dandan Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 16 BENAVENTE, JJ S. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Laboratory Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 17 CABRERA, Annalyn Jovanah | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 18 CABRERA, Jewels Malia A. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Business Department | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 19 CALAGE, Billy Joe P. | Receptionist Trainee | 360 Revolving Restaurant | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 20 CAMACHO, Isabel Rosa R. | Accounting Clerk Trainee | Chong's Corporation | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 21 CAMACHO, Kianah R. | Bell Boy Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 22 CAMACHO, Kyde Daniel O. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Kagan Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 23 CASTRO, Cassandra Lyn | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Marianas Resort & Spa | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 24 CASTRO, Shana N. | Stocker Trainee | CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 25 CELESTE, Wilson Kenneth C. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 26 CHENOR, Samantha E. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-MMC | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 27 CHOTTER, Kayleen | Sales Clerk Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Department Store | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 28 CRUZ, Joseph Louis C. | Shop Trainee | NMC-Admin Services (Shop) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 29 DELA CRUZ, Brandon H. | Office Clerk Trainee | DPW-Roads & Grounds Division Lower Base | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 30 DELA CRUZ, Eran Abigail T. | Shop Trainee | NMC-Distance Learning Education | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 31 DELA CRUZ, Kelvin Joshua T. | Baker Helper Trainee | NMC-Admin Services (Shop) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 32 DELEON GUERRERO, Nieves Dolores M. | Office Clerk Trainee | Herman's Modern Bakery, Inc. | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 33 DEMAPAN, Anna Rita A. | Bus Boy Trainee | NMC-Admin Services | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 34 DEMAPAN, Jesse Peter A. | Library Aide Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 35 EBIANE, Charmaine L. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Office of Admissions & Records | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 36 ENISER, Ophelia Risa | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 37 FABIAN, Terna S. | Bus Boy Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 38 FEJERAN, JayJay Benigno S. | Scale House Attendant Trainee | DPW-Solid Waste Management Division (Lower Base) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |

| PARTICIPANT | POSITION | PLACEMENT | WORKSHOP SCHEDULE |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 42 FERNANDEZ, Merly Ann F. | Library Aide Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 43 FITAL, Nayam | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 44 FLOOR, Daniel | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 45 HELSON, Melvin Devis | Bell Boy Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 46 HIPOLITO, Norjay B. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware San Vicente | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 47 ICHIHARA, Ali G. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Marianas Business Plaza | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 48 IDERBEL, Meredith Theresa R. | Payroll Trainee | DPW-Roads & Grounds Division Lower Base | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 49 IGISOMAR, Leony Jane | Reservation Clerk Trainee | Hyatt Regency Resort-Reservations | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 50 INOS, David C. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMHC-Administration Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 51 ISKAWA, Rdechor Jr. T. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Dean of Academic Programs & Services | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 52 JACK, Trina | Office Clerk Trainee | JET Holding Company-Office | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 53 JOHNNY, Ketony I. | File Clerk Trainee | Marianas Resort & Spa | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 54 JONES, Janet L. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Sorensen Media Saipan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 55 KAIPTAT, Carmelinda Lupe | Guest Service Officer Trainee | Hyatt Regency Resort-Bell Desk | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 56 KAIPTAT, Dante Peterson | Guest Service Officer Trainee | Hyatt Regency Resort-Club Elan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 57 KAIPTAT, Franklin Daniel | Driver Helper Trainee | JG Sablan Water & Ice, Inc. | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 58 KAIPTAT, Paul Joe W. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Power Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 59 KAIPTAT, Paulsen-Malona W. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Kaganan Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 60 KAZUO, Sullivan Rechirei | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Dandan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 61 KILELEMAN, Nathaniel A. | Sales Clerk Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Department Store | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 62 LACANALE, Edward S. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 63 LIMES, Sammy Lee L. | Sales Clerk Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafia Adai Shopping Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 64 LIWY, Dadrina Maria D. | Kitchen Trainee | 360 Revolving Restaurant | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 65 LIZAMA, Dorothea Carmen D. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Testing Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 66 LIZAMA, Daudydy Loraine D. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Office of Admissions & Records | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 67 LIZAMA, Jack David D. | IT Trainee | NMC-Information System Technology | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 68 MALITY, Shavyn Lynn S. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Water Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 69 MARAS, Keyren | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Nursing Department | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 70 MARAS, Russko RJ E. | Shop Trainee | NMC-Admin Services (Shop) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 71 METAAT, Jim Gary O. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMHC-Fiscal Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 72 MORALES, Stephanie Natasha C. | F&B Trainee | Aqua Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 73 NAOG, Derick P. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Wastewater Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 74 NARCISO, Hyrish Joy C. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Executive Office | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 75 NIGBAROIS, Somie Jr. | Guest Service Officer Trainee | Hyatt Regency Resort-Bell Desk | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 76 NIMWES, Mary Gin | Front Desk Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 77 NORIE, Maria Abigail T. | HR Clerk Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 78 NORICKET, Aquila Christine W. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMC-Office of the President | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 79 NORITA, Carina K. | F&B Trainee | Aqua Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 80 NORITA, Dennis N. | Bell Boy Trainee | Saipan Airport Services-Aircraft Maintenance | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 81 NORITA, Lori Lynn K. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | DPW-Solid Waste Management Division (Lower Base) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 82 OMAR, Damian J. | Office Trainee | Bank of Saipan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 83 PAGAUDIN, Jasmin S. | Receptions Trainee | Princess Staffing | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 84 PANGELINAN, Dolores Josephine | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Sorensen Media Saipan | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 85 PAULIS, Jerilyn T. | Script Writer Trainee | NMC-Human Resource Office | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 86 PETER, Klafan Freda | Office Clerk Trainee | CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 87 PETER, Manny F. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | NMHC-Mortgage & Credit Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 88 PETER, M-Fred F. | Office Clerk Trainee | CUC-Payroll Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 89 QUINSAN, Shelia Marie E. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafia Adai Shopping Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 90 RAY, Di Crisp | Bagger Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Sussape Market | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 91 REGINIO, Celso M. Jr. | Stocker Trainee | NMC-Information System Technology | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 92 REYES, Albert John P. | IT Trainee | Pacific Airport Services-Cargo | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 93 REYES, Isolina S. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 94 RIOS, Haley Josephine A. | Library Aide Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Sussape | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 95 RIOS, Jeremy A. | Stocker Trainee | DPW-Solid Waste Management Division (Lower Base) | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 96 SANTOS, Angel T. | Scale House Attendant Trainee | CUC-Payroll Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 97 SANTOS, Grace Marie | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Procurement & Supply | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 98 SHOKING, Lousana Katy | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Procurement & Supply | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 99 SHOKING, Logan S. | Library Aide Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 100 SIBETANG, Justus E. | Ice Plant Helper Trainee | JG Sablan Water & Ice, Inc. | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 101 SIMINA, Jose | Bell Boy Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 102 SINOUNOU, Francisco J. | Bagger Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafia Adai Shopping Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 103 SIDA, Roxanne J. | Gym & Spa Trainee | Saipan World Resort | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 104 SIDA, Romy J. | Guest Service Officer Trainee | Hyatt Regency Resort-Communication Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 105 TAMAN, Christopher Ross R. | Office Clerk Trainee | NMHC-Program & Housing Division | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 106 TAMAN, Oliver Joseph R. | Stocker Trainee | JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafia Adai Shopping Center | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 107 TAMAN, Randy S. Jr. | Ice Plant Helper Trainee | JG Sablan Water & Ice, Inc. | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 108 TQUIENGCO, Nicole Mae C. | Administrative Assistant Trainee | CUC-Accounting Office | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |
| 109 VALENTINE, Tommyrick Valerio V. | Library Aide Trainee | Joeten Kiyu Public Library | Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center |

30th Agricultural Fair highlights 'buy local' campaign

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Crowds converged on the grounds of the 4H building at the Susupe Civic Center on Saturday for the 30th staging of the Saipan Agricultural Fair.

The Agricultural Fair coincided with the Sabalu Market and lasted from 6am to 4pm, with the crowds checking out the different plants and livestock on display.

Music and entertainment were provided by KKMP 1440AM 92.1FM.

The theme for this year's Agricultural Fair was provided by the Marians High School Polksai Chamorro Club: "*Ta silebra I lina'la ginen I gualo-tai.*" According to Reina Camacho, who emceed the morning program, this means "Let's celebrate the nourishments that come from our farms."

The opening ceremony that began at 9am featured many speakers, including Saipan Agricultural Fair Committee chair Ramon "RB" Camacho, keynote speaker Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y.

Hart, Ph.D., and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

According to Palacios, "Agriculture is an important sector in our island's economy in the past, the present and will continue to be for generations to come." He called for the recommitment of efforts and focusing of attention to improving the local industry. "As consumers, let us 'buy fresh, buy local, and support our local farmers and ranchers.'"

Palacios thanked the Saipan Agricultural Fair Committee, composed of employees from DLNR, NMC-CREES, Department of Environmental Quality, Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Sabalu Market Association.

Winners in the animal division competition are as follows: Conrad Crisostomo's sow, Soledad Castro's non-Santa Gertrudis breed and crosses cow, Gema Chong's chicken broiler, nanny, and rabbit, Patrick Ito's Santa Gertrudis breed and crosses cow, Joey Castro's boar, William Ada's sow/gilt and billy, Rufino Camacho's non-Santa Gertrudis breed and crosses bull, Delia Camacho's pigeon, and Edward DeLeon Guerrero's chicken-layers, chicken-sports, and duck.



PHOTOS BY REINA S. PEREZ

An agricultural display showcased in one of the booths during the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.



Gov. Eloy S. Inos delivers the keynote address at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.



Chickens in their coops are displayed at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

Cows and bulls are displayed at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.



Plants are sold at the Sabalu Market during the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.



Goats are displayed at the 30th Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 15.

Hyatt's Garcia wins Bacardi cocktail competition

Marianas Pacific Distributors has named Ernesto Garcia of Hyatt Regency Saipan as the winner of the first Bacardi Legacy Cocktail Competition, held at the Poseidon Bar on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Garcia's winning cocktail was hailed as the 2013 Best Bacardi Mojito on Saipan. As part of this recognition, Garcia received a \$200 cash prize, trophy and banner to commemorate his achievement.

Saipan's best bartenders, armed with their skills and experience, participated in the Bacardi Cocktail Competition and were tasked to create cocktails that featured Bacardi Mojito, Bombay Sapphire or Grey Goose.

Overall categories the participants competed in were "Most Creative Mojito" for Bacardi

Superior Rum, "Most Imaginative Cocktail" for Bombay Sapphire Gin and "Most Original/Classic Choice Cocktail" for Grey Goose Vodka. Qualifying cocktails were judged based on its technicality as well as the ingenuity and innovation that were involved in its preparation and presentation.

Garcia also took the recognition of first place with his winning combination of cocktails: Deep Blue Sea Mojito, Leroy Brown and Marianas Trench. He was awarded a \$400 cash prize, trophy, and the title of "2013 1st Annual Bacardi Bartending Competition Winner."

"With the 1st Annual Bacardi Legacy Cocktail Competition, we hoped to provide a platform for our Saipan bartenders to showcase their talents and to highlight, as well as the

quality and flexibility of our products. We are very proud of the success of the event and

would like to recognize all the participants for an exemplary display of skill.

Congratulations to all the winners!" said Tom Shimizu, general manager of Ambros Inc.

Organizers plan to make this competition an annual event. **(PR)**



From left, Lito Espino, Melvin Tenorio, Crystal McChonchie, winner Ernest Garcia, and Joey Salas.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

COTA OK'd for transportation technical aid

By **REINA S. PEREZ**
STUDENT REPORTER

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority has been approved for technical assistance by the Easter Seals Project ACTION (Accessible Community Transportation In Our Nation).

According to Thomas J. Camacho, special assistant for public transportation, COTA applied for Accessible Transportation Technical Support in April and obtained approval on May 30. COTA was told the good news via email by Krystian Boreyk, training and technical assistance specialist with ESPA.

Boreyk said that the application was reviewed and that it fits the criteria for the program. "We would like to work with you on completing your objects," Boreyk said.

The first teleconference call meeting with COTA was last Friday, June 14.

Boreyk will serve as COTA's contact with ESPA, along with her colleague Ken Thompson.

COTA's goals resulting from the ATTS training are to further or greatly improve the accessibility of the CNMI's public transportation system, to formulate an action plan to address specific local accessible transportation needs, and to develop a policy reference guide that provides guidance in managing and operating a paratransit system.

"We are excited about this technical assistance being extended to the CNMI," Camacho said. This technical assistance news came timely as COTA just launched its ADA Paratransit System, also known as the Call-

A-Ride Saipan service."

Camacho said that ESPA will craft each ATTS technical assistance project specifically to support the community's unique goals, which may include forming a local coalition to improve accessible transportation, transforming high-level planning efforts into actionable steps, improving accessibility in the community to be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, exploring ways to meet accessibility needs above and beyond the ADA, maximizing the effectiveness of existing transportation resources, and increasing ridership through marketing and outreach.

"COTA and the CNMI government looks forward to working with Boreyk, Thompson, and ESPA," Camacho said.

Obama declares disaster for Marshall Islands

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency said Friday that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands under the Compact of Free Association, due to the ongoing severe drought in the northern half of the country.

President Barack Obama's action makes federal funding available for U.S. government emergency relief and reconstruction assistance to the Marshall Islands in accordance with Public Law 108-188, as amended, including Article 10 of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement to the Compact of Free Association. Marshall Islands

President Loeak requested a disaster declaration on June 5, 2013.

The U.S. Agency for International Development Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance will coordinate U.S. Government disaster assistance efforts in conjunction with FEMA and the government of the Marshall Islands. **(PR Newswire)**

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ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, : CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, : NO. 02-0408
-v- :
ANGELINA A. MANGLONA, :
Defendant. :
FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 345 R 404, situated in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 dated September 21, 1984, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 84-2049.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the hour of 12:00 noon, at the Superior Court, Sinapalo Village, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 31st day of May, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CENTURY INSURANCE : CASE NO.
COMPANY, LTD. : 12-0171
Plaintiff, :
-v- :
PETER JOHN LEONG-AGUON, :
Defendant. :
SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to serve any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you. You may answer by filing a copy with the Clerk of Court, and thereafter delivering a copy of your answer to the Law Office of Vincent J. Seman, 3rd Floor TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or mailing it at P.O. Box 501280, Saipan, MP 96950.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at the Superior Court, Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan MP. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file or serve an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 25th day of July, 2012:

/s/Clerk of Court, Saipan

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ATKINS KROLL, INC., : CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, : NO. 93-0347
-v- :
and consolidated :
cases :
CARMEN L. MUNA, aka : (S.C. Nos. 92-415, :
CARMEN FUJIIHARA, : 92-517, 92-604, 92- :
and CINDY L. MUNA, : 680, 92-674, 92-680, :
: 92-718, 92-825, 92- :
: 826, 92-829, 92-1073, :
Defendants. : 92-1325, 92-1420, :
: 92-1484, 92-1494, :
: 92-1563, 92-147, :
: 93-156, 93-163, 95- :
: 411, 95-701, 97-987, :
: 99-258, 01-1322, and :
: 02-768)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on April 12, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Carmen L. Muna, fka Carmen Fujihira, and Edwin P. Fujihira, in and to the following property:

Lot No. 002 G 216, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,037 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 06 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1903 dated May 14, 1990.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 31st day of May, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



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AUCTION NOTICE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.: 017 D 27 JUDGE WAY, GARAPAN MINIMUM BID: \$ 56, 800.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2013, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be \$56,800.00.
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
8. Lease with Option to Purchase. NMHC gives notice that it will also consider bids or offers to lease the property, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:
 - a. The Lease Price bid shall not be less than the listed Minimum Bid price.
 - b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).
 - c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
 - d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
 - e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
 - f. A lease agreement will be given upon receipt of the up-front payment and shall include:
 - i. No alterations or improvements without the prior written consent of NMHC.
 - ii. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
 - iii. Lessee responsible for all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
 - iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
 - v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
 - vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of \$100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
 - g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 17 day of May, 2013.

/s/Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Business

IRS scandals threaten funding for health care law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mounting scandals at the Internal Revenue Service are jeopardizing critical funding for the agency as it gears up to play a big role in President Barack Obama's health care law.

Obama sought a significant budget increase for the IRS for next year, when the agency will start doling out subsidies to help people buy health insurance on state-based exchanges. Congressional Republicans, however, see management problems at the IRS as an opportunity to limit the agency's funding just as it is trying to put in place the massive new law.

Republicans have been fighting the health care law ever since Democrats enacted it in 2010 without a single GOP vote. Unable to repeal the law, some Republicans hope to starve it by refusing to fund its implementation.

The IRS scandals are giving them a timely excuse.

"I think it's safe to say they're not going to get the kind of increase they're asking for," said Rep. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee that funds the IRS.

"The question is, based on their bad behavior, are they going to end up with less money?" Crenshaw said.

Last month, the IRS was

rocked by revelations that agents had targeted tea party and other conservative groups for extra scrutiny when the groups applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 elections. A few weeks later, an inspector general's report said that the agency had spent lavishly on employee conferences during the same time period.

From 2010 through 2012, the IRS spent nearly \$50 million on employee conferences. In 2010, the agency used money that had been budgeted to hire enforcement agents to instead help pay for one conference that cost \$4.1 million, according to the watchdog's report.

Three congressional committees and the Justice Department are investigating the targeting of conservative groups, and much of the top leadership at the IRS has been replaced.

Obama appointed a new acting IRS commissioner, Danny Werfel, a former White House budget official. Werfel is conducting an internal review of the agency and is expected to issue recommendations for changes by the end of June.

All this is happening as the agency works to implement the health law that includes some of the most sweeping changes to the tax code in a generation.

"The IRS needs to repair the plane while it's in flight right

now," said Paul Cherecwich, chairman of the IRS Oversight Board, an independent board within the agency. "Should the current budget environment continue, the IRS will have to continue to have to do more with less while rebuilding taxpayer trust. It has no choice, and it won't be easy."

Like many federal agencies, the IRS has seen its budget and workforce shrink since 2010, when the agency was allotted \$12.1 billion. This year, the IRS is expected to spend \$11.2 billion. Obama's proposed budget for next year is \$12.9 billion - a 14 percent increase over current spending.

About \$440 million would go toward implementing the health care law. That would include hiring nearly 2,000 employees, according to an analysis of the president's budget proposal by the Government Accountability Office.

Some Republicans are also highlighting the fact that Sarah Hall Ingram, who heads the IRS health care office, oversaw the tax-exempt division when agents first started improperly targeting conservative groups. The IRS said Ingram was re-assigned to help the agency implement the health care law in December 2010, about six months before her subordinate learned about the targeting.

Google begins launching Internet-beaming balloons

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)—Google is launching Internet-beaming antennas into the stratosphere aboard giant, jellyfish-shaped balloons with the lofty goal of getting the entire planet online.

Eighteen months in the works, the top-secret project was announced Saturday in New Zealand, where up to 50 volunteer households are already beginning to receive the Internet briefly on their home computers via translucent helium balloons that sail by on the wind 12 miles above Earth.

While the project is still in the very early testing stages, Google hopes eventually to launch thousands of the thin, polyethylene-film inflatables and bring the Internet to some of the more remote parts of the globe, narrowing the digital divide between the 2.2 billion people who are online and the 4.8 billion who aren't.

If successful, the technology might allow countries to leapfrog the expense of installing fiber-optic cable, dramatically increasing Internet usage in places such as Africa and Southeast Asia.

"It's a huge moonshot, a really big goal to go after," said project leader Mike Cassidy. "The power of the Internet is probably one of the most transformative technologies of our time."

The so-called Project Loon was developed in the clandestine Google X lab that also came up with a driverless car and Google's Web-surfing eyeglasses.

Google would not say how much it is investing in the project or how much customers will be charged when it is up and running.

The first person to get Google Balloon Internet access this week was Charles Nimmo, a farmer and entrepreneur in the small town of Leeston who signed up for the experiment. Technicians attached a bright red, basketball-size receiver resembling a giant Google map pin to the outside of his home.

In a successful preliminary test, Nimmo received the Internet for about 15 minutes before the 49-foot-wide transmitting balloon he was relying on floated out of range. The first thing he did was check the weather forecast because

BoG declares 2nd quarter dividends

BankGuam Holding Co. announced that its board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.1250 per share at the board's regular meeting held last May 28. The dividend will be paid on June 28, 2013 to shareholders of record on June 14, 2013.

he wanted to find out if it was a good time for "crutching" his sheep, or removing the wool around their rear ends.

Nimmo is among the many rural folk, even in developed countries, who can't get broadband access. After ditching his dial-up four years ago in favor of satellite Internet service, he has gotten stuck with bills that sometimes exceed \$1,000 a month.

"It's been weird," Nimmo said of the Google Balloon Internet experience. "But it's been exciting to be part of something new."

In recent years, military and aeronautical researchers have used tethered balloons to beam Internet signals back to bases on Earth. Google's balloons would be untethered and out of sight, strung out in a line around the globe. They would ride the winds around the world while Google ground controllers adjusted their altitude to keep them moving along the desired route.

"We feel that the continuing improvements in our Island economy have allowed us to pay dividends this quarter to our stockholders... representing a favorable return on their investment," explained president and chair of the Board, Lourdes (Lou) A. Leon Guerrero. (BoG)

Nation

Officials: NSA programs broke plots in 20 nations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Top U.S. intelligence officials said Saturday that information gleaned from two controversial data-collection programs run by the National Security Agency thwarted potential terrorist plots in the U.S. and more than 20 other countries—and that gathered data is destroyed every five years.

Last year, fewer than 300 phone numbers were checked against the database of millions of U.S. phone records gathered daily by the NSA in one of the programs, the intelligence officials said in arguing that the programs are far less sweeping than their detractors allege.

No other new details about the plots or the countries involved were part of the newly declassified information released to Congress on Saturday and made public by the Senate Intelligence Committee. Intelligence officials said they are working to declassify the dozens of plots NSA chief Gen. Keith Alexander said were disrupted, to show Americans the value of the programs, but that they want to make sure they don't inadvertently reveal parts of the U.S. counterterrorism playbook in the process.

The disclosures have sparked debate and legal action against



This Thursday, June 6, 2013 file photo shows the National Security Administration (NSA) campus in Fort Meade, Md.

adventerly reveal parts of the U.S. counterterrorism playbook in the process.

The release of information follows a bruising week for U.S. intelligence officials who testified on Capitol Hill, defending programs that were unknown to the public—and some lawmakers—until they were revealed by a series of media stories in The Guardian and The Washington Post newspapers, leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who remains in hiding in Hong Kong.

The disclosures have sparked debate and legal action against

the Obama administration by privacy activists who say the data collection goes far beyond what was intended when expanded counterterrorism measures were authorized by Congress after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Intelligence officials said Saturday that both NSA programs are reviewed every 90 days by the secret court authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Under the program, the records, showing things like time and length of call, can only be examined for suspected connections to terrorism, they said.

Firefighters advance containment on Colo. wildfire

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Crews gained the upper hand on the most destructive wildfire in Colorado history Saturday and had more than half the blaze contained as officials prepared to lift mandatory evacuation orders for hundreds of residents.

Incident commander Rich Harvey said at an evening news conference that containment of the Black Forest Fire was at 55 percent, up from 45 percent earlier Saturday.

El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa said some residents along the north and west fronts of the initial evacuation zone were being allowed to return to

their neighborhoods at 8 p.m. after authorities downgraded evacuation orders from mandatory to pre-evacuation status in specific areas.

While most mandatory evacuation orders had been lifted, as the fire zone remained at about 25 square miles, hundreds remained displaced after the fire destroyed nearly 500 homes and killed two people. The victims' bodies were found inside their garage Thursday, their car doors open as though they had been about to flee.

The announcement that crews had made significant advances on the blaze and taken control of it came the same day authorities

were able to gain a clearer picture of the grim landscape it left behind after exploding Tuesday outside Colorado Springs. It's unclear what caused the fire, which sparked amid record-high temperatures and tinder-dry conditions, but officials believed it was human-caused.

No additional homes were destroyed as fire crews expanded containment lines, Sheriff Maketa said. Also, there were no new reports of injury or death, he said.

Earlier Saturday, worried residents waited for permission to return to their neighborhoods to see whether their homes were still standing.

ACROSS THE NATION

Divers begin Lake Michigan search for Griffin ship

ON LAKE MICHIGAN NEAR POVERTY ISLAND, Mich. (AP)—Divers began opening an underwater pit Saturday at a remote site in northern Lake Michigan that they say could be the resting place of the Griffin, a ship commanded by the 17th century French explorer La Salle. U.S. and French archaeologists examined sediment removed from a hole dug near a timber slab that expedition leader Steve Libert discovered wedged in the lakebed in 2001. They found a 15-inch slab of blackened wood that might have been a human-fashioned "cultural artifact," although more analysis will be required to determine whether it was part of a vessel, project manager Ken Vrana said. Libert, who has spent about three decades searching for the Griffin (also known by its French equivalent Le Griffon), said he hoped that by Sunday, the excavation would reach what sonar readings indicate is

a distinct shape beneath several feet of sediment. The object is over 40 feet long and about 18 feet wide—dimensions similar to those the Griffin is believed to have had, Vrana said.

Bear with head stuck in jar is rescued in Pa.

JAMISON CITY, Pa. (AP)—Four central Pennsylvania residents said they used only a rope and a flashlight during a wild chase to rescue a young bear whose head had been stuck in a plastic jar for at least 11 days. The frightened but powerful bruin fell into a swimming pool at least twice during the ordeal, according to a report Saturday in the Press Enterprise of Bloomsburg. But the group eventually yanked off the jar and set the animal free. "I thought, 'No one is going to believe us,'" said Morgan Laskowski, 22, the bartender at the Jamison City Hotel and a member of the impromptu bear-wrangling team.

Asia

Pakistan—nuclear-armed but short of electricity

GUJAR KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—A woman named Rehana Yasmin struggles to keep her sick 2-year-old granddaughter cool in a sweltering hospital where working air conditioners are rare and electric fans are idle for much of the day.

Elsewhere, households can't rely on their refrigerators, and at textile factories, factory workers say they can't operate their machines for enough hours to earn their daily bread.

All are victims of Pakistan's biggest problem, one that recently brought down a government—not the U.S. drone war in its backyard, not its permanent confrontation with India, but its inability to generate enough electricity. Pakistan, nuclear-armed, can't deliver a reliable power supply to its 180 million citizens.

"Power, power, power is the problem. It's power at home, in the workplace, on the streets," said Rizwana Kauser, head nurse at the hospital in the city of Gujar Khan, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) from the capital, Islamabad.

Power can be out for up to 20 hours a day in the summer. TV coverage may be lost in the middle of a cliffhanger cricket match. Office meetings are scheduled around anticipated power cuts. Without electric fans, mosquitoes proliferate. People get stuck in elevators. Meat rots in refrigerators.

The shortfalls that became the top issue in the recent election are estimated at 3,500 to 6,000 megawatts—up to a third of total demand.

The problems result in part from bad bill-collecting, which leaves utility companies short of funds to pay for the oil that powers much of the production, which in turn means the state oil company can't buy enough oil on international markets.

Power theft is rampant, often consisting of simply slinging a hook over a conveniently placed electricity wire. The infrastructure of the state-controlled utility companies around the country is outdated, the companies are inefficient, and power plants are heavily dependent on oil

despite Pakistan's abundant coal resources, experts say.

Fixing the problems is likely to take years, leaving Nawaz Sharif, the new prime minister, with a gargantuan task. But with Pakistanis impatient for action, the government has announced plans to pay off about \$5 billion owed to companies throughout the supply chain within 60 days. It's not a long-term solution but it would at least offer the government some breathing room.

And that's just to keep the electricity flowing. Pakistan also has a problem with delivering natural gas to households and companies, and that too will need solving if the new government hopes to last.

For Rehana Yasmin, relief can't come too soon. She has been at the public hospital in Gujar Khan for a week, tending to her granddaughter who has dysentery. She brings her own water because there's no electricity to run the pump of the hospital well. She buys homemade straw fans hawked in the hospital's hallways.

7 still missing from PH ferry sinking

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine coast guard said Saturday that seven people remain missing in a ferry sinking that killed two people in the country's central region.

All 22 crew members and 39 of the passengers were rescued after the ferry sank early Friday in calm waters off Burias island, said Chief Petty Officer Bayani Belesario, deputy coast guard chief of Masbate province.

The cause of the sinking is under investigation, he said. Some passengers told local media the ferry tilted toward its front right side and quickly capsized more than halfway through its voyage from near-by Albay province.

The coast guard initially reported that 57 people, including 35 manifested passengers, were on board. Belesario said at least 70 are now known to have been on the ferry.

He said a search continues

for seven missing passengers, including six who were not on the manifest.

Accidents at sea are common in the Philippine archipelago because of frequent storms, badly maintained boats and weak enforcement of safety regulations.

In 1987, the ferry *Dona Paz* sank after colliding with a fuel tanker in the Philippines, killing more than 4,341 people in the world's worst peacetime maritime disaster.

North Korea proposes high-level talks with US

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea's top governing body on Sunday proposed high-level nuclear and security talks with the United States in an appeal sent just days after calling off talks with rival South Korea.

The powerful National Defense Commission headed by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a statement through state media proposing "senior-level" talks to ease tensions and discuss a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War. a

The rare proposal for talks between the Korean War foes follows months of acrimony over North Korea's defiant launch of a long-range rocket in December and a nuclear test in February, provocative acts that drew tightened U.N. and U.S. sanctions. The U.S. and South Korea countered the

moves by stepping up annual springtime military exercises that prompted North Korea to warn of a "nuclear war" on the Korean Peninsula.

However, as tensions subsided in May and June, Pyongyang has made tentative overtures to re-establish dialogue with South Korea and Washington. Foreign analysts say impoverished North Korea often expresses interest in talks after raising tensions with provocative behavior in order to win outside concessions.

In a notable shift in propaganda in Pyongyang, posters and billboards calling on North Koreans to "wipe away the American imperialist aggressors" have been taken down in recent weeks.

There was no immediate response from Washington, but President Barack

Obama's envoy on North Korea said Friday that while the U.S. is not averse to talking with Pyongyang, the bar for resuming engagement is higher in the wake of repeated threats and provocations.

Meanwhile, a recent proposal from Pyongyang for Cabinet-level talks with South Korea—the first in six years—led to plans for two days of meetings in Seoul earlier this week. The talks fell apart on Tuesday over who would lead the two delegations.

North Korea fought against U.S.-led United Nations and South Korean troops during the three-year Korean War in the early 1950s, and Pyongyang does not have diplomatic relations with either government. The Korean Peninsula remains divided by a heavily fortified border.

World

Iran reformists dance in streets for new president

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Wild celebrations broke out on Tehran streets that were battlefields four years ago as reformist-backed Hasan Rowhani capped a stunning surge to claim Iran's presidency on Saturday, throwing open the political order after relentless crackdowns by hardliners to consolidate and safeguard their grip on power.

"Long live Rowhani," tens of thousands of jubilant supporters chanted as security officials made no attempt to rein in crowds—joyous and even a bit bewildered by the scope of his victory with more than three times the votes of his nearest rival.

In his first statement after the results were announced, Rowhani said that "a new opportunity has been created ... for those who truly respect democracy, interaction and free dialogue."

But in Iran, even landslides at the ballot box do not equate to policymaking influence.

All key decisions—including nuclear efforts, defense and foreign affairs—remain solidly in the hands of the ruling clerics and their powerful protectors, the Revolutionary Guard. What Rowhani's victory does is re-open space for moderate and liberal voices that have been largely muzzled in reprisal for massive protests and clashes in 2009 over claims the vote was rigged to deny reformists the presidency.

Rowhani's supporters also viewed the election as a re-

Syrian troops capture Damascus suburb near airport

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian troops pushed forward with their offensive against rebels Saturday, capturing a suburb near the Damascus international airport as the U.S. warned that the alleged use of chemical weapons by President Bashar Assad's forces and the involvement of the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah in the civil war threaten to put a proposed political settlement out of reach.

The U.S. and Russia have been pressing for a peace conference to end Syria's civil war in Geneva, but prospects for that have been dampened after a series of regime battlefield victories and hardened positions by both sides as the death toll from the more than 2-year-old conflict has surged to nearly 93,000.

President Barack Obama's decision this week to send lethal aid to Syrian rebels and the deepening involvement of trained Shiite fighters from Lebanon's Hezbollah group also has raised the stakes, setting up a proxy fight between Iran and the West that threatens to engulf more of the Middle East.



AP

Supporters of the Iranian presidential candidate Hasan Rowhani, shown in poster at center, attend a celebration gathering in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, June 15, 2013.

buke of uncompromising policies that have left the Islamic Republic increasingly isolated and under biting sanctions from the West over Tehran's nuclear program. The 64-year-old Rowhani is hardly a radical—hav-

ing served in governments and in the highly sensitive role of nuclear negotiator—but he has taken a strong stance against the combative international policies of outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and others.

Riot police clear out Istanbul park protest

ISTANBUL (AP)—Protesters set up barricades and plumes of tear gas rose in Istanbul's streets into the early hours Sunday after Turkish riot police firing tear gas and water cannons cleared out the occupation of a park at the center of the strongest challenge to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's 10-year tenure.

For more than two weeks, protesters had flouted Erdogan's warnings to vacate the area around the city's Taksim Square. On Saturday evening, he ran out of patience. As dusk fell, hundreds of white-helmeted riot police swept through Taksim Square and Gezi Park, firing canisters of the acrid, stinging gas as they stormed through the tents set up through-

out the park.

Thousands of peaceful protesters, choking on the fumes and stumbling among the tents, put up little physical resistance, even as plain-clothes police manhandled many to drive them from the park.

The protests began as an environmental sit-in to prevent a development project at Gezi Park, but have quickly spread to dozens of cities and spiraled into a broader expression of discontent about what many say is Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian decision-making. He vehemently denies the charge, pointing to his strong support base which allowed him to win his third consecutive term with 50 percent of the vote in 2011.



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Qualifications:

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- Minimum Experience: Five years of experience cooking and preparing food in a high-volume food service facility or in a high volume hospitality environment and at least three years in an Executive Chef or similar role.
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Focus

UN protest of China invasion of Ayungin set for July 24

By **RODEL RODIS**
US PINOYS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE, NEW YORK

China's threatened invasion of the Philippines' Ayungin Reef, located just 105 nautical miles from Palawan, will be the subject of a protest rally at the United Nations in New York City on July 24 sponsored by the US Pinoys for Good Governance.

"China seized the Philippines' Mischief Reef in 1994, then our Scarborough Shoal last year," declared Loida Nicolas Lewis, the national chair of USP4GG and former national chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations. "This year, China is set to invade and occupy the Ayungin Reef. This is unacceptable!"

SANSHA FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Lewis explained that July 24 marks the first anniversary of China's establishment of the Sansha City Prefecture which was given mandate by Beijing to have jurisdiction over 2 million square kilometers of the South China Sea including those islands and reefs in the Spratlys that are within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone of the Philippines.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs protested the creation of the Sansha prefecture when it was formed after learning that its jurisdiction covered the Kalayaan Island Group in the Spratlys, which "is an integral part of the Philippine territory falling under the municipality of Kalayaan in Palawan province."

"Sansha City has been a subject of a Philippine protest as its administrative jurisdiction encompasses Philippine territory and maritime zones in the West Philippine Sea," DFA spokesman Raul Hernandez said.

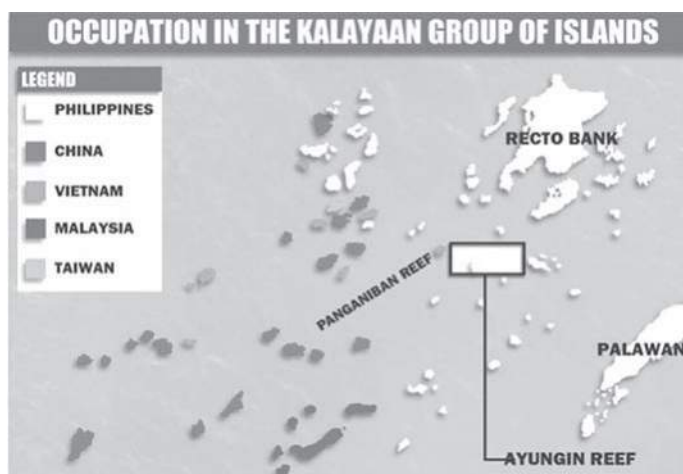
VIOLATES DECLARATION OF CONDUCT

Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Albert del Rosario asserted that the creation of the Sansha prefecture was in "gross violation" of the Declaration of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), a 10-year-old document that aims to deter use of force and instead promote peace and self-restraint among countries claiming resource-rich territories in the South China Sea, including China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Beijing announced that beginning January 1, 2013, Chinese naval ships from the Sansha prefecture would begin patrolling the waters in the South China Sea under



Ambassador Jose Cuisia Jr. holds up a T-shirt protesting China's invasion of islands and waters within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone of the Philippines.



its jurisdiction.

PHILIPPINES FILES UNCLOS CLAIM

On January 22, 2013, the Philippines formally filed its claim against China before the United Nations Arbitral Tribunal under Article 287 and Annex VII of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The Philippines asserted that China's "nine-dash line" claim that encompasses virtually the entire South China Sea/ West Philippine Sea is contrary to UNCLOS and is thus unlawful.

The Philippines also charged that "within the maritime area encompassed by the 9-dash line, China has also laid claim

to, occupied and built structures on certain submerged banks, reefs and low tide elevations that do not qualify as islands under UNCLOS, but are parts of the Philippine continental shelf, or the international seabed and has interfered with the lawful exercise by the Philippines of its rights within its legitimate maritime zones, as well as to the aforementioned features and their surrounding waters."

CHINESE SHIPS IN AYUNGIN

On May 8, 2013, three Chinese naval ships were spotted by Philippine maritime surveillance vessels surrounding the Ayungin Reef (Second Thomas Shoal), which is located just 105



US Pinoys for Good Governance has set a protest rally against China's occupation at the United Nations in New York City on July 24.

nautical miles from Palawan, well within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone of the Philippines. The Ayungin Reef is guarded by a Philippine marine detachment on board the BRP Sierra Madre ship that is permanently moored in the Ayungin Reef to protect it.

"We will not allow China to establish a blockade to prevent the Philippine Navy from replenishing the Philippine marine base at Ayungin with personnel and materials," declared Ted Laguatan, spokesman of the USP4GG. "We support Philippine Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin's vow to defend Ayungin to the last soldier standing."

The Ayungin Reef is considered the gateway to the Recto

Bank, which the US Energy Information Agency (EIA) estimates to contain 2.5 billion barrels of oil and 25.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. In his July 25, 2011 State of the Nation Address (SONA), Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III declared: "What is ours is ours; setting foot on Recto Bank is no different from setting foot on Recto Avenue."

GLOBAL PROTEST ACTIONS PLANNED

The USP4GG announced that the July 24 action at the United Nations will include simultaneous town hall meetings to discuss the China threat in Filipino communities throughout the United States. It will also call on the US communities of the

claimant countries whose territories are being invaded by Chinese ships from the Sansha prefecture.

Rep. Walden Bello of the Akbayan partylist announced that his group will join the July 24 mass action that will be planned for the Philippines and will encourage its supporters throughout the world to join in global actions to denounce the Sansha prefecture and its provocative actions in the Ayungin Reef.

USP4GG is calling on all patriotic Filipinos to join in the July 24 denunciation of China's imperialist activities in the South China Sea.

For more information, log on to USP4GG.org.



China's Sansha City Prefecture has jurisdiction over more than 2 million square kilometers of the South China Sea including those islands and reefs in the Spratlys that are within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone of the Philippines.

Health & Fitness

Sunscreen slows skin aging, if used often enough

WASHINGTON (AP)—If worry about skin cancer doesn't make you slather on sunscreen, maybe vanity will: New research provides some of the strongest evidence to date that near-daily sunscreen use can slow the aging of your skin.

Ultraviolet rays that spur wrinkles and other signs of aging can quietly build up damage pretty much anytime you're in the sun—a lunchtime stroll, school recess, walking the dog—and they even penetrate car windows.

Researchers in sunny Australia used a unique study to measure whether sunscreens really help amid that onslaught. Participants had casts made of the top of their hands to measure fine lines and wrinkles that signal sun-caused aging.

The research found that even if you're already middle-aged, it's not too late to start rubbing some sunscreen on—and not just at the beach or pool. The study of 900 people under 55 compared those randomly assigned to use sunscreen daily to those who used it when they deemed it necessary.

Daily sunscreen use was tough—participants did cheat a



In this Jan. 6, 2009 file photo, people play on the shoreline of Bondi Beach in Sydney.

little. But after 4 1/2 years, those who used sunscreen regularly had younger-looking hands, with 24 percent less skin aging than those who used sunscreen only some of the time.

Both young adults and the middle-aged experienced skin-saving effects, concluded the study, financed by Australia's government and published Monday in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"These are meaningful cosmetic benefits," lead scientist Dr. Adele Green of the

Queensland Institute of Medical Research said in an email interview. More importantly, she added, less sun-caused aging decreases the risk of skin cancer in the long term.

Dermatologists have long urged year-round sunscreen use—especially for constantly exposed skin on the face, hands and women's neck and upper chest—but say too few people heed that advice. Women may have better luck, as increasingly the cosmetics industry has added sunscreen to makeup and

moisturizers. Skin experts hope the new study draws attention to the issue.

"Regular use of sunscreen had an unquestionable protective effect," said Dr. Richard

Glogau, a clinical professor of dermatology at the University of California, San Francisco, who has long studied sun's skin effects. He wasn't involved with the Australian research.

The consumer message: "They can get a two-for-one with sunscreen. They can do something that will keep them healthier and also keep them better-looking," Glogau said.

Americans urged to take action vs skin cancer

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, joined by the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is encouraging Americans to take a few simple steps to protect their health and prevent skin cancer throughout the summer.

To make it easier for people to choose products that effectively reduce the health risks of UV overexposure, the FDA has issued new labeling rules for sunscreen products. These include:

■ Sunscreens proven to protect against both ultraviolet A and ultraviolet B rays can be labeled "Broad Spectrum." Both UVB and UVA radiation contribute to the sun's damaging effects.

Sunscreen products that meet the criteria for being called "Broad Spectrum" and have

a Sunscreen Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher may state that they reduce the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging when used as directed with other sun protection measures.

Any product that is not "Broad Spectrum," or has an SPF below 15, must have a warning stating that the product has not been shown to help prevent skin cancer or early skin aging.

New water resistance claims on the front label must indicate whether the sunscreen remains effective for 40 minutes or 80 minutes while swimming or sweating.

In addition to using Broad Spectrum sunscreen, here are some tips to help enjoy the outdoors safely this Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer:

Seek shade, not sun: Seek the shade when the sun's rays are strongest; avoid sunburns, intentional tanning, and use of

tanning beds; use extra caution near reflective surfaces like water and sand.

Wear protective clothing: Wear sun-protective clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Check the UV Index: EPA and the National Weather Service offer the UV Index—an hourly forecast of UV radiation that allows Americans to plan outdoor activities in ways that prevent overexposure to the sun. Download EPA's free UV Index app at www.epa.gov/enviro/mobile/.

According to the CDC, the states with the highest melanoma death rates include Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and West Virginia. Americans are encouraged to learn more about skin cancer in their states at www2.epa.gov/sunwise/skin-cancer-facts-your-state. (EPA)

Personal Trainer

Massage heals with human touch

Many people with painful, chronic conditions seek the help of a massage therapist; some basic facts about massage therapy:

What happens?

- 1 Therapist discusses your reasons for getting a massage, physical and medical condition
- 2 You remove clothing to your level of comfort
- 3 Session normally lasts for 30 to 90 minutes

What are its effects?



Circulation

- Increases blood and lymph circulation
- Makes blood vessels dilate



Muscles

- Loosens tight, shortened muscles; stimulates weak, loose muscles
- After exercise, speeds muscles' recovery



Metabolism

- Stimulates digestive juices, saliva and urine
- Speeds body's removal of nitrogen, lactic acid, other wastes



Nervous system

- Therapist adjusts massage to soothe or stimulate nerves, depending on which is needed

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Skin

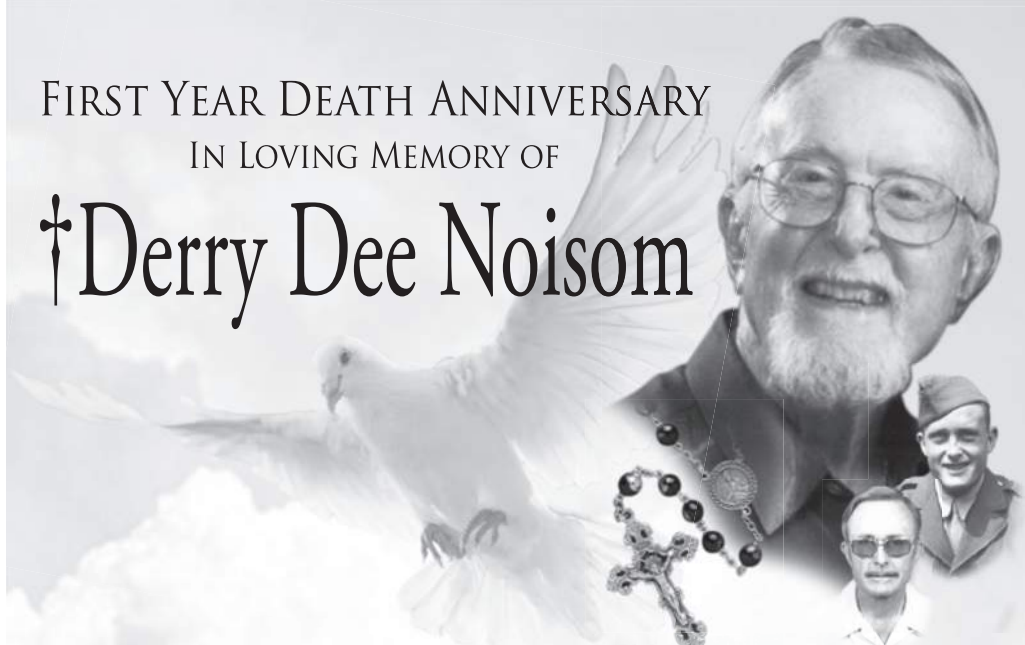
- Stimulates oil, sweat glands
- Softens tough, inflexible skin

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FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Derry Dee Noisom



We, the family humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first year death anniversary of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass of Intention will be offered from Monday, June 17, 2013 to Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

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| Monday, June 17, 2013 | 6:00PM | Santa Remedios Church |
| Tuesday, June 18, 2013 | 6:00PM | San Roque Church |
| Wednesday, June 19, 2013 | 6:00PM | Santa Remedios Church |
| Thursday, June 20, 2013 | 6:00PM | San Roque Church |
| Friday, June 21, 2013 | 6:00PM | Santa Remedios Church |
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| Sunday, June 23, 2013 | 8:00AM | Santa Remedios Church |
| Monday, June 24, 2013 | 6:00PM | Santa Remedios Church |
| Tuesday, June 25, 2013 | 6:00PM | San Roque Church |

Your presence thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Si Yu'use Ma'ase, Ghilisou and Salamat Po

Luise Q. Noisom and Family

Life & Style

Adele honored by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP)—Adele is getting a new medal to go alongside her Grammys and Academy Award—an honor from Queen Elizabeth II.

The “Rumor Has It” and “Skyfall” singer was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire, or MBE, on Friday in the queen’s annual Birthday Honors list.

Her award, for services to music, caps 12 months in which the 25-year-old singer won an Oscar for her James Bond theme song and gave birth to her first child.

The twice-yearly royal honors lists reward hundreds of people for services to their community or national life. Most go to people who are not in the limelight, but there is also a sprinkling of famous faces.

Adele wasn’t the only honoree connected to “Skyfall,” the 23rd James Bond thriller and the most lucrative film in the series’ 50-year history. Cinematographer Roger Deakins was named Commander of the Order of the British Empire, or CBE, in recognition of a career that has gained him 10 Oscar nominations for films including “No Country for Old Men,” “Revolutionary Road” and “The Shawshank Redemption.”

This is a Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 file photo of Adele as she poses backstage with her six awards at the 54th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 in Los Angeles.

AP



The list includes a knighthood for Tony Robinson, an actor and political activist best known as dim sidekick Baldrick from the comic TV series “Blackadder.” He was honored for his political work and public service.

His “Blackadder” co-star Rowan Atkinson—best known around the world as bumbling Mr. Bean—received a CBE.

The same honor went to actress Claire Bloom, whose career stretches from a film appearance opposite Charlie Chaplin to a role in “The King’s Speech.”

Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry, who creates elaborately decorated and sometimes explicit ceramics, also was named a CBE.

“I suppose I’m surprised that

the tentacles of the establishment reach into my particular pond of culture,” Perry said. The artist, who sometimes makes public appearances as female alter-ego Claire, said he would be “putting together a nice outfit” for his investiture ceremony.

Jackie Collins, author of racy page-turners, was named an Officer of the Order of the British

Empire, or OBE, for services to fiction and to charity. There were also OBEs for Dylan Jones, editor of British GQ; fashion editor Hilary Alexander; and novelist Kate Mosse, author of the best-selling “Labyrinth.”

Genre-crossing British musician P.J. Harvey received an MBE, as did Welsh comedian Rob Brydon and novelist Joanne Harris, author of “Chocolat.”

Honorees included several people behind last year’s successful London Olympics. Thomas Heatherwick, who designed the copper-petal Olympic Cauldron, received a CBE, and there was a knighthood for sculptor Anish Kapoor, who created the opinion-dividing Orbit tower—a 380-foot (115-meter) mass of twisted red steel at London’s Olympic Park.

Paul McCartney carries the weight at Bonnaroo

MANCHESTER, Tennessee (AP)—Even a former Beatle needs a moment standing on the main stage at Bonnaroo.

A few songs into his transcendent first set at the massive Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, Paul McCartney wrapped his arms around his signature Hofner bass and surveyed a crowd of 80,000 adoring fans.

“Hey, listen, I’m going to take a moment just to drink all this in for myself,” McCartney said.

McCartney is one of the world’s most recognizable musicians and showed why as he led a massive 2½-hour sing-a-long of three dozen songs that included two encores Friday night.

Playing for a crowd consisting mostly of fans who were born a decade or more after the Beatles broke up in 1971, he lavishly revisited the Beatles, Wings and his own solo catalog, laying down hit after hit and playing two Beatles cuts he only recently began playing live for the first time—“Lovely Rita” and “Mr. Mustard.”

McCartney, who turns 71 next week, acknowledged some cultural similarities between the generations, however.

“That’s some pretty good

weed I can smell,” McCartney said as wispy puffs of smoke rose from hundreds of spots in the crowd. “What are you doing to me?”

McCartney took the time to talk about several songs, explaining his Beatles classic “Blackbird” was written about the civil rights struggle in Arkansas.

He noted songs he wrote for his wives over the years, took a moment to express support for incarcerated Russian punk rock band Pussy Riot after playing “Back in the USSR” and told a humorous story about Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton.

He also paid tribute to late Beatles members John Lennon and George Harrison. Drummer Ringo Starr and McCartney are the only surviving members of the genre-defining British rock band.

McCartney kicked off Harrison’s biggest hit “Something” on the ukulele, playing in an unfamiliar time signature that gave the song new meaning, before strapping on a guitar to finish the song. And he played “Here Today” for his old songwriting partner Lennon, a song he wrote after Lennon was shot to death in 1980.



Paul McCartney performs on Day 2 of the 2013 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival on Friday, June 14, 2013 in Manchester, Tenn.

Actress Johansson sues over French book

PARIS (AP)—Actress Scarlett Johansson is suing a French publishing house over a novel that uses her name and image and explores the challenges of being beautiful.

The JC Lattes publishing house said Friday that a lawsuit was filed last week about Gregoire Delacourt’s book “The First Thing We Look At.”

JC Lattes spokeswoman Emmanuelle Allibert says the publisher’s lawyers are preparing to

respond to the court, which will then decide whether to take up the case.

Allibert says the book is entirely fiction and is about a character who looks just like Johansson, not Johansson herself. That character is enmeshed in a romance with another look-alike—one modeled after film star Ryan Gosling.

Johansson’s French lawyer Vincent Toledano said in a statement to The Associated

Press that Johansson is protesting the use of her name and image for “mercantile” purposes, and accuses the book of invading her privacy.

“The freedom of speech she defends as an artist is not being challenged in the lawsuit. However the right of free speech has nothing to do with this purely mercantile conduct,” the lawyer said.

The publisher argues that the lawsuit “is contrary” to the idea

of the book. The author “only says good things about” Johansson, Allibert said.

Delacourt has had bestsellers, though some critics have skewered “The First Thing We Look At.” Le Monde’s reviewer said that Delacourt, who works in advertising, “sells us his story like he would sell us shower gel: fake emotions, blurred eroticism, venal humor.” Magazine Les Inrocks called it “low-cost literature.”

Lawyer: Miguel inviting lawsuit over fan’s injury

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The woman who was kicked by Miguel during a Billboard Music Awards performance continues to suffer cognitive difficulties and has yet to receive any assistance from the R&B singer nearly a month after the incident, her attorney said.

Doctors continue to evaluate Khyati Shah’s injuries, but the exchange student from New Zealand has memory loss issues and has been unable to sit for final exams, attorney Vip Bhola said in an interview Thursday.

He said despite efforts to find out more about rehearsals for Miguel’s performance and seek help for his client, repre-

sentatives for the singer and the awards show are practically daring him to sue.



Miguel

Miguel’s representatives have said Miguel is concerned for Shah’s well-being and reached out to Bhola to see if they could help.

Bhola said while he’s talked with Miguel’s attorney, no assistance for his client’s medical bills or other expenses have been offered.

The lawyer said Shah, 21, went to the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas on May 19 and was excited at the prospect of seeing Miguel. The singer-songwriter leaped from one stage to another while singing his hit “Adorn,” catching his leg on the back of

Shah’s head and slamming it into the platform.

Shah later appeared alongside Miguel in a televised interview holding an ice bag on her elbow, a move that Bhola said was offensive.

“They didn’t rush her to the hospital,” Bhola said. “Instead they rushed a camera to her and an ice pack” and took advantage of a “star-struck, dazed and injured person.”

Producers of the Billboard Music Awards declined comment.

“Khyati’s well-being has been and continues to be of the utmost concern to Miguel,” the singer’s spokeswoman wrote in a statement released earlier this month.

“She was a fan of Miguel and she’s dumbfounded at how she’s been treated,” Bhola said.

“She had hoped they would truly care about her rather than merely caring about themselves and some imaginary lawsuit they are defending against,” he said.

Shah is studying for dual-degrees in politics and philosophy at UCLA. Bhola said she had planned to return to New Zealand for the summer, but her travel will likely be delayed while she continues to undergo treatment and testing for her memory and language issues. He said she has trouble finding words and also has difficulty typing text messages without them turning out garbled.

Despite the issues, Bhola said a lawsuit is not guaranteed.

“The doctors really are in the driver’s seat in this situation, not the lawyers,” he said. “Once we have that information, we’ll be able to make legal evaluations.”

Parade marks Queen Elizabeth II's birthday



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, second left, arrives on the balcony of Buckingham Palace with Prince Charles, left, Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge to watch the Royal Air Force fly, part of the Trooping The Colour parade, in London, Saturday, June 15, 2013.

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her birthday Saturday with traditional pomp and circumstance, followed by a visit to her husband in the hospital.

horses and musicians took part in the parade known as "Trooping the Color," an annual ceremony marking the queen's official birthday.

attend the celebration as he is recovering from abdominal surgery, the queen invited her cousin, the Duke of Kent, to accompany her in a vintage carriage.

The monarch's actual birth-

day was on April 21, when she turned 87.

The "Trooping the Color" ceremony originates from traditional battle preparations, when "colors," which refer to military flags, were carried down the rank to be seen by soldiers.

Other royals—including Prince Harry, Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge—also were on hand to celebrate on Saturday.

After the parade, the queen visited Philip at a private London hospital.

Billy Ray Cyrus, wife of 19 years getting divorce



In this Jan. 9, 2010 file photo, Billy Ray Cyrus, at right, and his wife Laeticia "Tish" Cyrus, arrive to the premiere of "The Spy Next Door" in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Billy Ray Cyrus' wife has filed for divorce from the country singer after 19 years of marriage.

Court records show Tish Finley Cyrus filed Thursday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences. She's seeking custody of their teenage child and spousal support.

It's the couple's second divorce attempt. Billy Ray Cyrus filed for divorce in 2010 but later withdrew the petition.

The couple issued a joint statement seeking privacy for their family. They say they want to find a resolution that's in the best interests of their family.

The two got married in December 1993 and have three children together, including actress-musician Miley Cyrus.

Billy Ray Cyrus rose to fame in 1992 with his song "Achy Breaky Heart."

Celebrity website TMZ first reported the divorce.

Former Elmo puppeteer wins 3 Daytime Emmy awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kevin Clash, the Elmo puppeteer who resigned amid allegations that he sexually abused underage boys, won three Daytime Emmy Awards for his work on "Sesame Street."

Clash won as outstanding performer in a children's series at

the creative arts ceremony held Friday night. He shared trophies for outstanding pre-school children's series and directing in a children's series, giving Clash 26 Daytime Emmys for his work on the venerable Public Broadcasting Service show.

He played Elmo for 28 years before quitting last November. Clash's lawyer has said that related lawsuits filed against the entertainer are without merit.

The main Daytime Emmys ceremony is Sunday in Beverly Hills.

Downey Jr. calms boy upset at not seeing Iron Man

SUNDERLAND, Massachusetts (AP)—Robert Downey Jr. may not be a real superhero, but he sure acted like one for a little boy.

Heather Denno took her 1½-year-old son Jaxson to watch filming for the movie "The Judge," starring Downey, in her hometown of Sunderland this week.

Downey, star of the "Iron Man" movies, spotted the little boy and went over to say hello.

Heather Denno told Jaxson that Downey was "Iron Man."

Confused because of the lack of the trademark metallic red and gold suit, Jaxson burst into tears.

The actor put a comforting



This April 30, 2013 photo, Actor Robert Downey Jr. visits the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange before ringing the opening bell.

hand on the boy and calmed him.

Heather Denno tells The Bos-

ton Globe that Downey was "sweet and nurturing," and she could tell he's a dad.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Harry Connick Jr. writes song for Newtown victim

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Harry Connick Jr. has written a song in honor of a 6-year-old girl killed in the Newtown school shooting. Connick this week released the song "Love Wins," dedicated to Ana Grace Marquez-Greene. He says proceeds will go to the Ana Grace Fund set up to help the girl's family. Connick played with the girl's

jazz saxophonist father, Jimmy Greene, and sang at the funeral for Ana, one of 20 young children and six adults killed in December at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Greene is scheduled to receive the Governor's Arts Award at a ceremony Saturday at the International Festival for Arts and Ideas in New Haven. Greene, an assistant professor at Western Connecticut State University, has released a series of critically acclaimed albums and

received numerous honors.

Beyonce, video game company settle lawsuit

NEW YORK (AP)—Beyonce has settled a lawsuit that said she didn't play fair in a deal for a video game structured around her. Court records show the case was closed Friday after the Grammy Award-winning singer and Gate Five LLC agreed to drop it. A lawyer for Gate Five says the terms are confidential.

A lawyer for Beyonce hasn't returned a call seeking comment. Gate Five had said Beyonce made a lucrative deal for a game called "Starpower: Beyonce," then demanded a new agreement and abandoned the project. The company says it lost its nearly \$7 million investment and 70 people lost their jobs. Beyonce's lawyers had said she was within her rights to get out of the deal because Gate Five didn't have needed financing.

Mom up to her ears in kids wants time to be left alone

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have five kids, all under 6 years of age. The youngest are 7-month-old twins. A family in our church has offered to watch them so my husband and I can go out on a date. We haven't been alone together in a year. We have no family or friends nearby to offer respite.

I would like to accept their kind offer, but two things are holding me back. First, I don't think they realize the enormity of the task, and it feels like we might be imposing.

Second, I don't have anything to say to my husband. A date would be awkward and most likely consist of "relations." I like my husband, but I'd rather be left alone. What would you do?



Dear Abby

FRAZZLED MOM WITH NO SUPPORT

DEAR FRAZZLED: Before placing your small children in the care of others, invite the family over to see exactly how much work would be involved in watching them. Then discuss with your husband what date night will entail and see if you can agree on what would be a fun night out.

You definitely need a break, and some alone time should be something to look forward to. That it isn't is of concern to me. It's possible you could benefit from marriage counseling to help re-establish a line of verbal communication. And equally important, because you suspect the evening "might" result in relations, make sure you have birth control to prevent an accidental pregnancy.

DEAR ABBY: In this season of graduations and weddings, I would like to urge the honorees to send proper thank-you notes to friends and family who give them gifts and money. Time, money and preparation are put into these events, and the effect is spoiled when guests have to contact stores or scrutinize their bank statements to learn if their gifts were, indeed, received but simply not acknowledged.

Thank-yous aren't difficult. Some "rules": Rather than text or email, write a note on paper and mail it with a stamp via the U.S. mail. If you do, you will be forever known as "that polite young couple" or "the young man/woman who sent the nice note."

Three lines are all that are needed: "Thank you for the—. I look forward to using/enjoying it when we entertain/grill/vacation/walk the dog, etc. Again, I appreciate your thoughtfulness." That's it!

If showing good manners isn't incentive enough, remember this: These are the people you will be inviting to weddings, baby showers, and your own children's graduations and weddings in the not-so-distant future. A little courtesy goes a long way.

APPRECIATIVE IN HITCHCOCK, TEXAS

DEAR APPRECIATIVE: While letter-writing may always seem like a chore to some people, there are occasions when a written message is the proper means of communication. Acknowledging the generosity of others is one of those times. Failure to do so indicates that the person's gesture was of so little importance that it was not noticed by the recipient. And frankly, it also indicates a distinct lack of manners.

DEAR ABBY: How do you politely tell friends and relatives who are guests in your home that your computer and TV are off-limits? Once they take control of the remote or the computer, they seem to go crazy and change all the settings to their preferences and never put the settings back when they leave! What can I do, Abby?

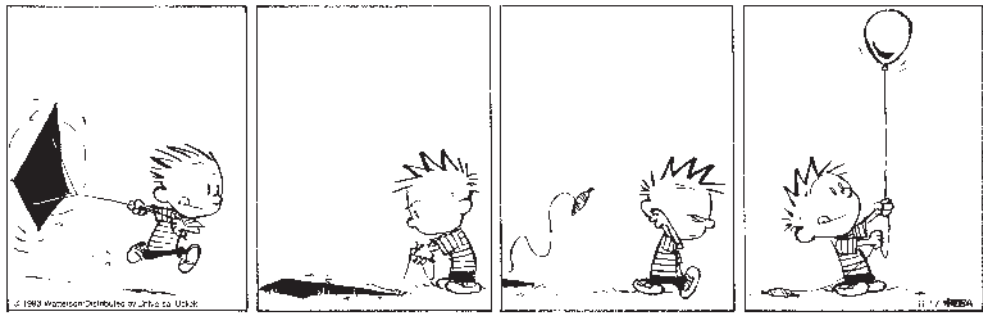
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DEAR FRUSTRATED: "Remind" any guest who uses your electronic equipment that it must be returned to your original settings before the person leaves your house. If you have already done that and it hasn't worked, then you must find the courage to say, "I'm not letting ANYONE use my computer or remote control because I have a hard time getting the settings back to where I put them after you leave."

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Pastimes

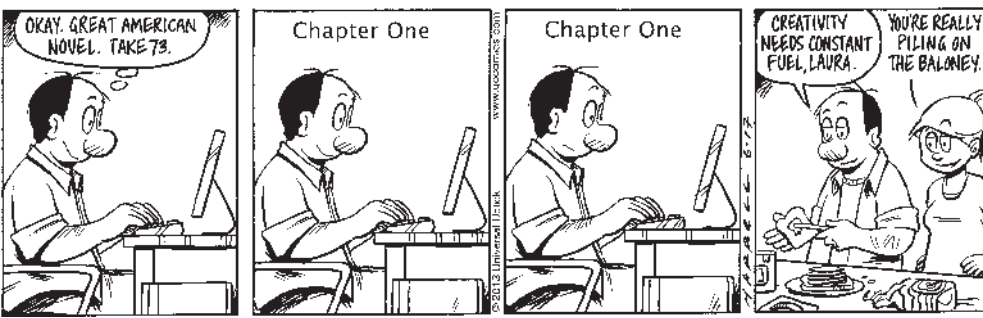
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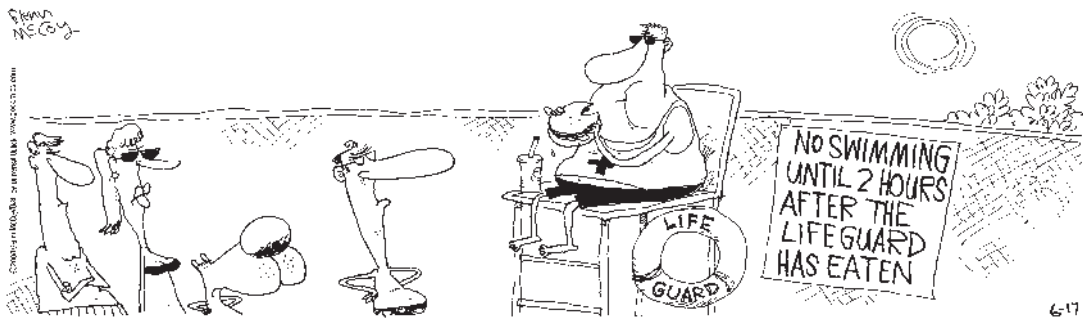
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ACROSS

1 Recede

4 Petrol

7 Potato

11 Settled down

13 Mischief-maker

14 Cautious

15 "Bye"

16 Neither partner

17 Rice or Tyler

18 Ledge

20 Dispatch

22 Mary — cosmetics

24 Half a wet-weather pair

28 Game like pinochle

32 Hoosergow

33 Valhalla VIP

34 Dog's foot

36 Burrito cousin

37 Fifth-day Christmas gift

39 Para-phrase

DOWN

1 Comestibles

2 Mediocre

3 Small snack

4 Martini ingredient

5 Out of control

6 Parsley serving

7 Brightly marked butterflies

8 Skillet

9 Samovar

10 Coloring agent

12 TV news pundits, often

19 Online info page

21 Once around the track

23 "Uh-huh"

25 Gumbo need

26 Membership

27 Advertise strongly

28 Drill

29 Fix a manuscript

30 Galvanizing stuff

31 Listener

35 "Char-lotte's —"

38 Collection

40 Weep

42 Tall and slender

45 Kegler's pathway

47 Morning co-host

48 Rip

49 Quest

50 TV drama that spawned "NCIS"

51 Expert

52 Energy

54 Pistol

Solution time: 27 mins.

Last Friday's answer 6-17

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Venus Williams, 33; Will Forte, 43; Greg Kinnear, 50; Barry Manilow, 70

Happy Birthday: Expand your interests, your friendships and your philosophy. Engage in trips, communication and interesting projects. Don't let change shut you down when it clearly means you should be open to new and exciting adventures. Think creatively and you will reach a level of confidence and satisfaction that will encourage you to believe in yourself, your abilities and your future. Your numbers are 5, 16, 21, 26, 28, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get any responsibilities or chores out of the way before you move on to other interests. Complaints will be made if you haven't honored a promise. Planning a vacation, travel and communicative activities will all lead to a positive outcome. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Speak up and you can resolve issues that bother you. An unusual approach to something you do at work or the way you present a skill or your resume will give you an advantage. Put aside time for someone special. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share what you have with those you love. Express your emotions and get rid of any concerns you've been harboring. Put greater emphasis on making the changes that will improve your life and help you reach your goals. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid impulsive behavior that has the potential to lead to an irreversible situation. Work quietly behind the scenes and you will have a better chance of getting what you want done without interference. Protect what you have and don't fold under pressure. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of personal and domestic responsibilities. Think about the changes you want to make and what you need to do to make your dreams come true. Sign up for a course, rebuild your resume or consider a change of location. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep a close watch on any competition you face at work or school. You need to express your concerns and find solutions to any existing problems to prove you can handle whatever challenge you face. Avoid excess and indulgent people. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Re-evaluate your current professional position and your domestic situation. Look at the big picture and consider what you can do to get ahead. Knowledge is key, and being more diverse presenting what you have to offer will play a role in your success. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Networking, researching and spending time with people who enjoy the same things you do will put a positive spin on your day. Good fortune is heading your way. You will get news regarding an investment or money someone owes you. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ask questions, find out what's expected of you and take your time when it comes to money matters. Put a cap on how much you spend when it comes to someone you are trying to impress. Don't try to buy love. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep life simple and don't fold under pressure.

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If someone is pressing you to make a snap decision or to indulge in something you feel is wasteful, back away or offer an alternative that you feel is cost-effective. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An open mind will pick up valuable information. Engage in talks and communicate with people who have information you want to acquire. Expand your interests and your friendships, and you will be able to make changes that will enhance your personal life. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems at home will cost you if you aren't prepared to take action and cut your losses. Do not get into an argument when change is what's required. Size up your situation and do what's necessary. Love is highlighted. ***

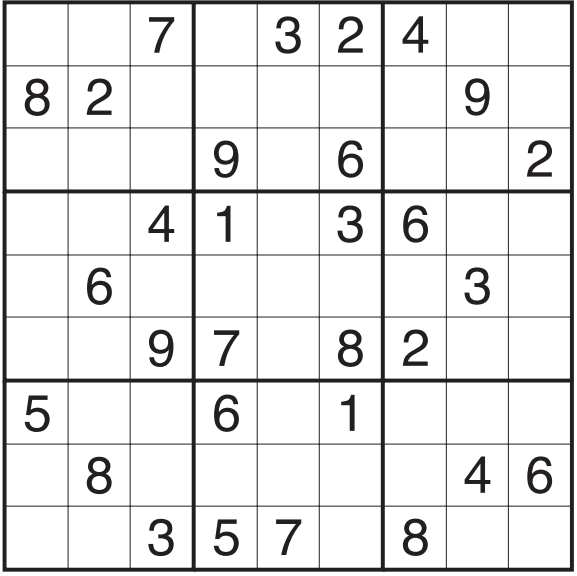
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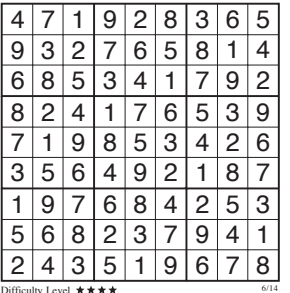
By Dave Green



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Mickelson leads after 3rd round at US Open



ARDMORE, Pa.

(AP)—For all those runner-up finishes, with so much heartache chasing the major he covets, Phil Mickelson has never had a better chance to win the U.S. Open.

It's the first time he has ever had the outright lead going into the final round. Of the nine players within five shots, only one has the experience of winning a major. And Tiger Woods went from contender to middle-of-the-pack by matching his worst U.S. Open score as a pro.

Despite a bogey on the final hole at Merion—the 18th was so tough it didn't yield a single birdie in the third round—Mickelson was the sole survivor to par Saturday with an even-par 70 that gave him a one-shot lead over Hunter Mahan, Steve Stricker and former Masters champion Charl Schwartzel.

Mickelson celebrates his 43rd birthday Sunday—on Father's Day, no less. He left Merion on Monday and didn't return until three hours before his tee time on Thursday so he could attend the eighth-grade graduation of his oldest daughter.

"It's got the makings to be something special," Mickelson said. "But I still have to go out and perform, and play some of my best golf."

He has been good enough to play 54 holes in 1-under 209.

And he was close to perfection when he stood on the par-3 17th hole with a 4-iron in his hand, 253 yards away from the orange wicker basket attached to the pin, the signature look at Merion. He was one shot behind Luke Donald until a pure swing and an 8-foot birdie putt gave him the lead.

"I just stood and admired it," Mickelson said. "It was one of the best shots I've ever hit. I mean, it just was right down the center of the green and I was hoping it would kind of get the right bounces. It left me a beautiful uphill putt that I could be aggressive with and I made it. That was fun to do that because that's just not a hole you expect to get one back."

Four others players who had been under par late in the round couldn't hang on.

Donald twice made poor swings with a 2-iron, and it cost him three shots. Mahan, Schwartzel and Justin Rose all finished bogey-bogey.

There was trouble everywhere at Merion, and it didn't take much to find it. One swing cost Ian Poulter, who drove out-of-bounds on the 15th. One decision cost Nicolas Colsaerts, who tried to hit a shot under a tree on the 18th and made triple bogey. That left Mickelson alone at the top for only the second time in a major—he won the 2006 Masters with the lead.

The U.S. Open, however, has been nothing but trouble for Lefty.

"I don't think I feel any more pressure than anybody else who wants to win ... the U.S. Open," Mickelson said. "This is a tour-

Phil Mickelson checks his lie on a chip shot on the 18th green during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Saturday, June 15, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.

AP



nament for years I've had opportunities, I've come close to, and it would mean a lot tomorrow if I could play some of my best golf - certainly if I can play the way I have been."

Saturday was more about weeding out the pretenders for this U.S. Open - and one of them turned out to be Woods. He started out just four shots out of the lead, and made a bending, 12-foot birdie putt on the opening hole. It never got any better for the world's No. 1 player. He made seven bogeys the rest of the way and didn't add another birdie. It was the fourth time he shot 76 in the U.S. Open, but never when he started out so close to the lead. Now, he's 10 shots behind.

"It certainly is frustrating," said Woods, who has been stuck on 14 majors since winning the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. "I'm playing well enough to do it, and unfortunately just haven't gotten it done."

The final hour might have been a sneak preview for Sunday. At one point, there were five players under par, and suddenly there was only Mickelson.

Donald made double bogey on the 18th hole from the middle of the fairway, trying to swing too hard on a 2-iron to get up the hill and beyond the false front of the green. He wound up in ankle-deep rough, so gnarly that his third shot squirted across the green and into more thick grass.

"I should have done better," Donald said. "It was disappointing, but I'll take the positives out of today—a really solid 16 holes of golf, and I'm only two back."

Mahan let his spectacular back nine filled with four birdies go to waste with a bogey-bogey finish for a 69. He will be in the final group for the first time in a major with Mickelson, whom he considers a close friend.

"It's going to be a very, very

exciting finish," Mahan said, "because I don't think any lead is safe."

Stricker made a 10-foot par putt on the 18th hole to complete a 70 and perhaps the steadiest round of the day. His only mistake in a round that lasted 5 1/2

hours under sunshine was a tee shot into the water on the par-3 ninth for a double bogey. At 46, Stricker can become the oldest U.S. Open champion.

"I've got to play smart golf ... not make any mistakes," he said. "I think that's the biggest thing.

And it's a course where it's tough to come back."

Billy Horschel, tied with Mickelson at the start of the third round, kept his emotions in check and shot 72. He was two shots behind, along with Donald and Rose.

The third round featured so

much movement, and so many wild swings, that seven players had a share of the lead at some point. Even though USGA executive director Mike Davis said the course was set up to allow for good scores, this was more about hanging on for dear life.

There was no faking it Saturday afternoon.

Thirty players were separated by only five shots at the start of the third round. By the end of the day, there were just 10 players separated by five shots, including amateur Michael Kim. He was tied for third until losing four shots on the last three holes.

For all the talk about Merion being just a short course, the final two holes were beastly - 253 yards for a par 3 surrounded by deep bunkers and framed by the Scottish broom grass, and then a 530-yard closing hole up the hill, deep rough on both sides with bogeys or worse waiting for a single missed shot.

Stricker, remarkably, played bogey-free on the back nine. Horschel, striving for perfection at a championship that doesn't allow for it, dropped only one shot.

"Seventeen and 18, you've got to buckle up and hit good shots," Horschel said. "So I think tomorrow, with the pressure being on, those holes will stick out even more."

Heat, Spurs set for pivotal Game 5 of NBA Finals



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tony Parker's hamstring, not Dwyane Wade's knee, is the current chief injury concern.

Manu Ginobili, not Chris Bosh, is mired in the slump of the moment.

Things change quickly at the NBA Finals, and with everything suddenly seeming right with the Miami Heat, it's up to the San Antonio Spurs to change them back Sunday night in Game 5.

"It is a must-win. We don't want to go back down there down a game with two games remaining at their house," Spurs star Tim Duncan said Saturday.

"Obviously, we lose this game, we're not giving up or anything, but we want to go back up with a chance to finish there. Huge pressure if we have to go back there and try to win two."

The Heat evened the series with a 109-93 victory Thursday night, setting up what's often the pivotal moment of the finals. Of the 27 times the series was tied at 2-2, the Game 5 winner went on to win 20 of them.

"I think that's what everyone would like, 2-2 in the finals for Game 5," LeBron James said. "We are excited about the opportunity. We have another opportunity to win on someone else's floor."

It's the same situation Miami was in two years ago, losing Game 5 in Dallas. But the Heat also had dropped the previous game, and James was struggling through a poor series by his

standards.

Everything looks good for the Heat as they arrive at this stage now. James was dominant in Game 4 with 33 points and 11 rebounds, and Wade scored 32 points, not appearing to be bothered at all by a painful right knee that had limited his effectiveness in the postseason.

With Bosh breaking out with 20 points and 13 rebounds, everything that was a problem for the Heat a few days ago no longer looks to be the case. Instead, the obstacles look to be piling up for the Spurs.

"It's a part of the playoffs," Wade said. "There's always high moments. There's always low moments. There's moments when you have guys who are in a slump, et cetera. Guys who come out of it. Great story lines. It's all of it."

The teams returned to practice Saturday after taking a day off, and though Parker said his strained right hamstring was feeling better and he hoped to be close to 100 percent by the game, he later made that sound impossible.

"My hamstring can tear any time now," he said. "So if it was the regular season, I would be resting like 10 days. But now it's the NBA Finals. If it gets a tear, it's life."

Ginobili is averaging 7.5 points on 34.5 percent shooting in the series, making only three of his 16 3-point attempts. Parker said he's still confident in his longtime teammate, and coach

Gregg Popovich said he wasn't worried about either player—about all he did say on a day when he was a man of even fewer words than usual.

During his brief responses to eight questions, he added that he wasn't surprised by the Heat's lineup change in Game 4, but wouldn't say whether the Spurs would do anything different Sunday.

"I'd hate to be trite and say anything is possible. Your question demands my triteness," he answered.

The last three games have all been blowouts, a somewhat surprising result that wasn't so surprising to James. When their Big Three all play like they Thursday, the Heat can make even a good team like the Spurs look pretty bad.

"If we play our game, if we force turnovers, we rebound, execute offensively and don't turn the ball over, we can win against anybody," James said. "We're a confident bunch. But we're going against a great team that's going to make adjustments as well. And that's why it's a 2-2 series right now."

The Heat won only twice in San Antonio in their first 24 seasons, and now can win in back-to-back games, which would give the defending champions two chances to close out the Spurs back home. Game 6 is Tuesday night.

But the team that won 27 consecutive games during the regular season, the second-longest win-

ning streak in NBA history, hasn't been able to win two in a row since taking the last four games of the second round and the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

The Spurs haven't been any better at maintaining momentum, following their two victories in this series with turnover-filled losses by a combined 35 points, and Duncan said their focus has to be sharper.

"That's what it's all about right now, is that focus for a longer period of time. Taking care of the ball, understanding what you want to do and less defensive mistakes, and for whatever reason it seems like the team that's coming off a loss has done a better job of sustaining that for a longer period of time," Duncan said.

"I hope that's the case for us tomorrow, but we have to find a way to alleviate that, whether it's a win or a loss."

The Spurs have never lost a Game 5 in the NBA Finals, including victories in 2003 and '05 when the series were tied 2-2. Sunday's game could be the last time Duncan, Parker and Ginobili play at home in the finals, and they want to go out a winner.

"This game is huge," Ginobili said. "We don't want to go to Miami knowing that we have to win both. Going there to win one of the two is a different situation. So Game 5, regardless of where you play, it's huge for you at 2-2. We've seen it too many times. We really want to win this one."

Cobb hit by line drive in Rays' win over Royals



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

(AP)—Tampa Bay right-hander Alex Cobb was taken off the field on a stretcher after he was hit on the right ear by a line ball off the bat of Kansas City's Eric Hosmer in the fifth inning of the Rays' 5-3 win over the Royals on Saturday.

The Rays announced that Cobb, who remained conscious the whole time, was taken to Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg for further examination. Rays spokesman Rick Vaughn later said all tests were normal and that Cobb suffered a mild concussion.

Luke Scott, Matt Joyce and Evan Longoria homered for the Rays, who had lost five of six. Alex Torres (2-0) replaced Cobb and struck out four over 1 2-3 scoreless innings. Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 19 opportunities.

Joyce hit a solo homer off Jeremy Guthrie (7-4) in the fifth that put the Rays up 4-2.

Red Sox 5, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Mike Carp and Jonny Gomes homered to back an effective pitching performance by John Lackey, as the Boston Red Sox beat the Orioles to end a five-game losing streak in Baltimore.

After dropping the first two games of the series, the Red Sox fell into a 2-0 hole before bouncing back. Carp's home run snapped an 18-inning scoring drought in the fourth, and Gomes made it 5-2 in the sixth with a solo shot that chased Baltimore starter Freddy Garcia (3-4).

Boston leads Baltimore by 2 1/2 games in the American League East.

Lackey (4-5) gave up two runs, seven hits and a walk in seven innings to improve to 12-4 against the Orioles.

Former Oriole Koji Uehara struck out the side in the eighth and Andrew Bailey gave up a two-run homer to Matt Wieters in the ninth before securing his eighth save.

Blue Jays 6, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Texas, Adam Lind and Colby Rasmus both hit two-run homers as the Blue Jays won their fourth game in a row, beat the sliding Rangers.

Even with the unexpected early return of second baseman Ian Kinsler from his rehabilitation assignment, the Rangers' season-long losing streak reached five games. All of those losses are at home, and they've dropped 10 of 14 overall to fall out of first place in the AL West.

Lind put the Blue Jays ahead to stay in the first, when his seventh homer of the season ricocheted high off pole down the right field line. Rasmus hit his 12th homer, and second in two games, in the fourth to make it 4-0.



Tampa Bay Rays catcher Jose Lobaton, left, and left fielder Kelly Johnson, center, rush in to assist starting pitcher Alex Cobb as Cobb grabs his head and lies on the pitcher's mound after being hit by a line drive by Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer during the fifth inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 15, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Cobb

Those homers accounted for all four runs off Josh Lindblom (0-2), who went six innings on his 26th birthday.

R.A. Dickey (6-8) gave up one run in 5 2-3 innings.

Angels 6, Yankees 2

In Anaheim, California, Erick Aybar homered and drove in two runs, and Albert Pujols added two more RBIs in the Angels' victory over the Yankees on Saturday night that sent New York to its fifth straight defeat.

Tommy Hanson (4-2) recorded a season-high eight strikeouts while pitching five-hit ball into the seventh inning for the Angels, who have won three straight after a four-game skid. Josh Hamilton had an RBI double, and Aybar hit an early homer before delivering a tie-breaking RBI single in the sixth.

Brett Gardner had an RBI triple for the Yankees, who matched their worst skid of the season. Mark Teixeira also left in the fourth inning with an aggravated right wrist.

Howie Kendrick had three hits and drew a bases-loaded walk in the seventh for the Angels.

Astros 4, White Sox 3

In Houston, Jason Castro and Chris Carter homered in the fourth inning to give Houston the lead as the Astros held on for a win over the White Sox.

The game was tied at 1-1 when Castro launched a solo homer into the bullpen in right-center to start the fourth inning. Carter's one-out homer clanged off the foul pole in left field to extend the lead to 3-1 and leave starter John Danks (1-3) shaking his head.

Brandon Barnes' double drove in a run in the fifth inning to make it 4-1.

Adam Dunn hit his 18th homer to start the seventh and Gordon Beckham's ground-rule double made it 4-3.

Harrell (5-7) allowed seven hits and three runs with a sea-

son-high seven strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

Danks yielded five hits and four runs in six-plus innings.

Mariners 4, Athletics 0

In Oakland, California, Henry Blanco hit a sixth-inning grand slam in his Seattle debut to break a scoreless tie and Felix Hernandez pitched seven strong innings to win his third straight decision as the Mariners beat the Athletics.

The 41-year-old Blanco, a .184 hitter with no home runs coming into the game, was an unlikely candidate to deliver the decisive hit for Seattle. The Mariners signed him Friday, three days after his release by Toronto. He became the oldest Mariners player with a slam.

Hernandez (8-4) struck out five of Oakland's initial eight batters and seven through four innings on the way to eight Ks.

Michael Morse had two doubles among his three hits, including one in the sixth before Blanco's drive stayed just inside the left-field foul pole.

Twins 6, Tigers 3

In Minneapolis, Trevor Plouffe had three hits, including a two-run homer, in his return to the Twins lineup, and Sam Deduno held Detroit in check over seven innings in Minnesota's victory.

Plouffe, back after missing 22 games because of a concussion and left calf strain, was a triple shy of the cycle. He drove in three runs in support of Deduno, who has allowed only five earned runs in his last five starts.

Deduno (3-1) gave up two runs and seven hits to win his third straight decision since being recalled in May. Glen Perkins added his 16th save in 18 chances.

After missing his previous start with shoulder stiffness, Anibal Sanchez struggled with pitch location and only lasted 3 2-3 innings for Detroit. Darin Downs (0-2) gave up three runs and five hits in relief of San-

chez, and took the loss.

Nationals 7, Indians 6

In Cleveland, Anthony Rendon hit his first major league home run following Nick Swisher's ninth-inning error to propel the Nationals to a win over Cleveland.

Two pitches after his foul popup fell between the Indians' first baseman and second baseman Jason Kipnis, Rendon homered into the Nationals' bullpen off Vinnie Pestano (1-2) to stun the Indians and the crowd of 33,307.

Swisher and Kipnis both drifted into foul territory and it appeared either could have made the catch, but neither player appeared to call for it and the ball fell to the ground. Swisher was charged with the error.

Drew Storen (1-1) pitched the eighth for the win while Rafael Soriano worked the ninth for his 18th save. Mike Aviles doubled with two outs, but first baseman Adam LaRoche made a leaping catch of Michael Bourn's line drive to end the game.

Braves 6, Giants 5

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman's bases-loaded, line-drive single off closer Sergio Romo capped a two-run rally in the ninth inning that lifted the Atlanta Braves to a win over the San Francisco Giants.

B.J. Upton hit two homers off Chad Gaudin, but the Braves trailed 5-4 entering the ninth.

Romo (3-3) walked pinch-hitter Evan Gattis, who was replaced by pinch-runner Reed Johnson, with one out. Andrelton Simmons followed with a grounder that skipped past third baseman Joaquin Arias for an error, putting runners on first and second.

Jason Heyward followed with a liner that fell in front of left fielder Andres Torres, loading the bases.

Justin Upton worked a walk to tie it and Freeman came

through with the game-winning single to right field.

Braves closer Craig Kimbrel (2-1) struck out Hunter Pence to end the ninth with runners on first and second.

Dodgers 6, Pirates 5, 11 innings

In Pittsburgh, Juan Uribe singled home Andre Ethier in the top of the 11th inning to rally Los Angeles to the victory over Pittsburgh.

Ethier doubled off Vin Mazzaro (3-1) leading off the 11th then raced home when Uribe's chopper went over the head of third baseman Pedro Alvarez. Nick Punto drove in Uribe with a double to the gap one batter later to provide some insurance.

Peter Moylan (1-0) picked up the win after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the 10th. Brandon League, who lost his job as the closer to Kenley Jansen this week, managed the final three outs for his 14th save.

Travis Snider capped a late Pittsburgh rally with a solo home run off Jansen with one out in the ninth to tie the game.

Cubs 5, Mets 2

In New York, Scott Feldman allowed two hits in seven innings and Starlin Castro hit a two-run double to left in a three-run eighth inning that lifted Chicago clear of New York.

Feldman (6-5) struck out six and had a two-RBI single in the fourth off Jonathon Niese (3-6) to help himself on the way to his first win since May 29.

Kevin Gregg got the last three outs for his ninth straight save and Chicago beat the Mets for the second day in a row, after losing five of seven before getting to Queens.

Brewers 6, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Juan Francisco drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and homer in a ballpark where he's had some big moments, and Yovani Gallardo pitched six innings to lead Milwaukee's blanking of Cincinnati. It was a rare win in Cincinnati for the Brewers, who have dropped 11 of their last 14 games at Great American Ball Park.

Logan Schafer had three hits off Homer Bailey (4-5), his second straight three-hit game. Schafer is filling in for Ryan Braun, on the DL with an injured thumb.

Gallardo (6-6) gave up three hits and a pair of walks in his second straight impressive start. Three relievers completed a seven-hitter for Milwaukee's first shutout. The Brewers were the only team in the majors without one.

Rockies 10, Phillies 5

In Denver, Tyler Chatwood pitched five effective innings in his return from a triceps injury and Tyler Colvin homered during a six-run first inning as Colorado snapped a three-game

losing streak by doubling up Philadelphia.

The Rockies also relied on solid defense to end a six-game skid against the Phillies, turning three double plays and getting a gem from third baseman Nolan Arenado, who snared Jonathan Pettibone's sharp grounder in the second with a diving stop and made a one-hop throw from his backside to get the Phillies pitcher.

Wilin Rosario had three hits, all for extra bases, Arenado was 3 for 4 with two RBIs, and Chatwood pitched in with two hits, including an RBI single.

Chatwood (4-1) boosted his average to .437 (7 for 16) with 5 RBIs in his first game since June 3, when he left after four innings at Cincinnati because of right triceps soreness.

Cardinals 13, Marlins 7

In Miami, Carlos Beltran homered from each side of the plate and tripled to lead a 17-hit attack, and Lance Lynn notched his ninth victory when St. Louis outslugged Miami.

Swinging left-handed, Beltran hit his 15th home run in the second inning and tripled for the first time since May 2012 in the eighth. He hit another home run from the right side in the ninth — the 11th time he has homered from both sides in a game.

Yadier Molina singled home two runs in the Cardinals' five-run first inning, and David Freese's fourth homer in the third inning put them ahead to stay.

Lynn (9-1) allowed a career-high seven runs in five innings against the lowest-scoring team in the majors, but his two-run single in the fifth inning gave the Cardinals a three-run lead to help them pull away.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 4

In San Diego, Yasmani Grandal's three-run homer capped a five-run fourth inning as San Diego beat Arizona to stretch its winning streak to five and reach the .500 mark for the first time in two years.

Jason Marquis (9-2) allowed three runs and three hits in 6 2-3 innings to win his eighth straight decision. San Diego (34-34) pulled to within three games of first-place Arizona in the NL West.

The last time the Padres were at .500 was April 10, 2011, when they were 4-4.

Huston Street, who returned from the disabled list on Friday, earned his 12th save in 13 opportunities. He gave up an RBI double in the ninth to Gerardo Parra before getting Didi Gregorius to fly out to center for the final out.

Arizona's Wade Miley (4-6) had been staked to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, in part on a two-run homer by catcher Miguel Montero.

Evans outpoints Henderson at UFC 161



Dan Henderson defends against Rashad Evans during UFC 161 in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Saturday June 15, 2013.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)—Rashad Evans outpointed Dan Henderson in a split decision Saturday night in a heavyweight bout at UFC 161.

The 42-year-old Henderson connected with the first solid

punches late in the first round, attacking so eagerly he could hardly keep his feet against the 33-year-old Evans.

“I said, ‘What hit me,’” said Evans, who approached Henderson with a lot more caution after

that. “Only fools rush in with Dan Henderson.”

The second round opened with Evans trying to take down Henderson, but the veteran quickly got to his feet. Henderson was noticeably tired in the third.

“I have nobody to blame but myself,” he said. “In the third round I should have got a little more active.”

Evans improved to 13-3-1 in UFC and 23-3-1 overall in MMA. Henderson dropped to 6-4

in UFC and 29-10 overall.

Earlier, Steve Miocic unani-
mously outpointed Roy Nelson
and Steve Miocic in another
heavyweight bout.

Nelson’s looping rights found
their mark a few times in the third
and Miocic backed off a little to
avoid getting caught when he
already appeared ahead on the
judges’ scorecards.

Miocic was asked by UFC
President Dana White how he felt
after the fight.

“I won right?” he said. “OK,

then, I’m happy.”

Shawn Jordan stunned Pat Bar-
ry with a flurry of punches to end
their heavyweight fight after 59
seconds. It started with an uppercut
and the referee stopped it as Barry
crouched, taking punch after punch.

In a UFC debut for both
fighters, women’s heavyweight
Alexis Davis unanimously out-
pointed Rosi Sexton in the first
women’s UFC fight in Canada.

“It’s a whole new ballgame,”
Davis said. “I can’t wait to fight
again.”

CNMI

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Race said earlier in a telephone
interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Also witnessing Race’s trip
to a make-shift barber shop at
AMP was ITF development of-
ficer to Pacific Oceania Gene
Ridgway, who commended not
only the host’s players, but also
the representatives of Guam,
Palau, and the Federated States
of Micronesia for playing im-
pressive games and showing
great sportsmanship.

“I wish you all good luck and
I hope you will bring the POJC
title to the North Team by beating
the west and east squads,” said

Ridgway, who took note of the
270 matches, 543 sets, and 4,313
games that the 73 players played
in the regional championships.

Meanwhile, six other players
are joining the CNMI bets to the
POJC in Fiji. The list includes
Guam’s Kian Malakadi, Palau’s
Ayani Rengiil, and FSM’s Joab
Williams, Anne Skilling, and
Terry Rush Apis, and Tilda Tol-
lenoa. Four players in the boys
and girls U12, three in the U15,
and two in the U18 were given
slots on the team. The CNMI
could have notched more than
12 spots, however, only two
players from one country are
allowed to earn slots to give
a chance to representatives of
other nations.

BACK-TO-BACK

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finals, 92-63.

DFS took an early double-
digit lead in the first quarter,
12-2, and never lost it, as the
back-to-back winner gave Dol-
lar Days a clinic on how to
play a championship game.
Coach Rufino Aguon’s wards
again displayed impressive
ball movement, made a lot of
long and short jumpers, forced
several errors and converted
them into fastbreak plays, and
had good spacing that created
passing lanes. On defense, DFS
took away Dollar Days fast-
break game, pushed the oppos-
ing team’s big men out of their
comfort zone, and forced the
eventual runner-up to take more
outside shots, which it mostly
missed.

While almost everything
worked for DFS in the finals,

Dollar Days had a nightmare in
the most important game of the
season. Dollar Days was held to
one field goal in the first half of
the opening quarter, had to bleed
for points inside with only Bart
Demapan having some success
in the paint, but still it was not
enough to bring the team back
after facing a 10-23 deficit at the
end of that period.

Dollar Days’ two other front-
liners—Kae Bernardo and Jawn
Joyner—had a miserably night.
Bernardo was held to one field
goal until the last basket of the
game and finished with only 5
points. Joyner was scoreless,
hitting an airball from the free
throw line where Dollar Days
muffed a bundle. The backcourt
players—Wowie Abuel, Jun
Pantaleon, and Brandon Tala-
nia—took time to make long
shots and could not hit them in
streaks. Then there was Ivan
Devero, who still top-scored for
Dollar Days with his 18 points,

but had to change most of his
shots in midair, as DFS defend-
ers ganged up on him.

The rest of Dollar Days play-
ers watched helplessly as DFS
coasted to the championship,
leading by as much as 27, 70-
43, in the third period. The third
canto started with Dollar Days
facing a manageable 35-48 def-
icit. Dollar Days even brought
DFS’ lead down to single digits
early in the second, 21-29, but
the latter connected on three
triples early in the third to notch
a 20-plus advantage.

DFS had cruise control from
thereon despite losing Jack
Lizama due to five fouls in the
opening minutes of the fourth
canto. Lizama gave an and-1
basket to Bart Demapan and
Ivan Devero earlier had the
same shot, but the two Dollar
Days players failed to complete
the 3-point plays. If their bonus
shots both went in, Dollar Days
would have cut the lead to 14

and gained some momentum
with still over eight minutes left
in the game. A short 8-0 run off
Elmer Esdrelon’s triple and a layup
and Keoni Chariton’s trey brought
DFS’ lead back to 20-plus and Dol-
lar Days finally threw in the towel
in the last three minutes of the
one-sided finale.

Esdrelon top-scored for
DFS with his 29 points, Chari-
ton added 17, while Lizama
and Dan Barcinas chipped in
16 and 12, respectively. Gino
Libuw and Junar Guiab com-
bined for 16 markers for DFS’
balance offense.

DFS 97 – Esdrelon 29, Chari-
ton 17, Lizama 16, Barcinas
12, Libuw 9, Guiab 7, Dikito 2,
Rabago 2.

Dollar Days 75 – I. Devero
18, Demapan 17, Pantaleon 13,
Abuel 12, Talanía 8, Bernardo
5, C. Devero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-10,
48-35, 77-57, 97-75.

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sweeping fellow CNMI player
Daniel Park, 7-6, 6-4.

Joining the three tennis play-
ers in the list of NMASA award-
ees for April and May were
swimmer Kensuke Kimura and
slugger Jordan Pangelinan.

Kimura of Tsunami Saipan

Swimming Centre was award-
ed the TSL Foundation/NMA-
SA Male Student Athlete of
the Month for April for his
record swims in the Guam In-
vitational Meet. He broke two
CNMI age group marks in the
April competition after timing
in at 27.57 seconds in the 50m
butterfly and 1:01.05 in the
100m butterfly.

The Grace Christian Acad-

emy student’s time in the 50m
butterfly shattered the 28.08
seconds Kai Staal set on July
26, 2009. Then in the 100m
butterfly, Kimura eclipsed the
10-year mark of Dean Palacios,
who submitted 1:01.99 on July
25, 2003.

Meanwhile, Pangelinan took
the Male Athlete of the Month
for May after his impressive
showing in the 2013 Saipan

Little League Baseball. The
IP&E Fielders third baseman
won the MVP of the regular
season, Rookie of the Year, and
Golden Glove (infielder) as
well as topped the doubles and
RBI races. He helped the Field-
ers stun 2012 champion Saipan
Stevadore Northern Yankees in
the semifinals to advance to the
finals against eventual champi-
ons Tan Holdings Brewers.

| TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| MLB STANDINGS | | |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | |
| East Division | | |
| | W | L Pct GB |
| Boston | 42 | 28 .600 — |
| Baltimore | 39 | 30 .565 2 1/2 |
| New York | 37 | 31 .544 4 |
| Tampa Bay | 36 | 32 .529 5 |
| Toronto | 31 | 36 .463 9 1/2 |
| Central Division | | |
| Detroit | 37 | 29 .561 — |
| Cleveland | 33 | 34 .493 4 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 32 | 34 .485 5 |
| Minnesota | 30 | 35 .462 6 1/2 |
| Chicago | 28 | 37 .431 8 1/2 |
| West Division | | |
| Oakland | 41 | 29 .586 — |
| Texas | 38 | 30 .559 2 |
| Seattle | 31 | 38 .449 9 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 30 | 38 .441 10 |
| Houston | 25 | 44 .362 15 1/2 |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | |
| East Division | | |
| Atlanta | 40 | 28 .588 — |
| Washington | 34 | 33 .507 5 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 36 .478 7 1/2 |
| New York | 24 | 39 .381 13 1/2 |
| Miami | 20 | 47 .299 19 1/2 |
| Central Division | | |
| St. Louis | 44 | 24 .647 — |
| Cincinnati | 41 | 28 .594 3 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 40 | 28 .588 4 |
| Chicago | 28 | 38 .424 15 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 39 .418 15 1/2 |
| West Division | | |
| Arizona | 37 | 31 .544 — |
| San Francisco | 35 | 32 .522 1 1/2 |
| Colorado | 36 | 33 .522 1 1/2 |
| San Diego | 34 | 34 .500 3 |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 38 .433 7 1/2 |
| US OPEN SCORES | | |
| ARDMORE, Pennsylvania (AP) — Scores Saturday in the U.S. Open at 6,996-yard, par-70 Merion Golf Club (East Course): | | |
| THIRD ROUND | | |
| Phil Mickelson | 67-72-70=209 | |
| Hunter Mahan | 72-69-69=210 | |
| Charl Schwartzel | 70-71-69=210 | |
| Steve Stricker | 71-69-70=210 | |
| Justin Rose | 71-69-71=211 | |
| Luke Donald | 68-72-71=211 | |
| Billy Horschel | 72-67-72=211 | |
| Jason Day | 70-74-68=212 | |
| Rickie Fowler | 70-76-67=213 | |
| a-Michael Kim | 73-70-71=214 | |
| a-amateur | | |
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Weekend Sports

Tennis was in the spotlight last week, as CNMI junior players battled Palau, Guam, and the Federated States of Micronesia in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.

Seventy-three players from the region competed in the five-day tournament with the CNMI dominating the annual event after notching six singles and five doubles championships.

The region's best fought for the boys and girls U12, U15, and U18 singles and doubles

Tennis takes center stage

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crown at the American Memorial Park, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Pacific Islands Club tennis courts. They also battled for the 18 slots on the North Pacific Team with the Commonwealth players bagging 12.

Meanwhile, other notable events last week were the play-off rounds of the DLX, Shir-

ley's, and Masters basketball leagues and a fundraising beach volleyball tournament.

Clay McCullough-Stearns and John Nekaifes, who are going to the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia next month, hosted a beach volleyball fundraising tournament with the help of Northern Mari-

ana Islands Volleyball Association. The fundraiser featured co-ed U14 and U21 divisions and drew 12 teams. Living Like Larry went on to win the U14 title after beating Mountain Dew in the finals, while Va Va Boom prevailed over Six Pack in the U21 finale. Living Like Larry was composed of Susan Cho,

Sunjoon Tenorio, Logan Mister, and Colin Ramsey, while Knochlynn Gechig, Chenny Lizama, John Nidea, and T.J. Eina played for Va Va Boom.

In the DLX caging, the San Roque Bandits and Adobo fought for the championship after winning their separate semis games. San Roque routed Lyn's

Heat in the first semis game, 80-68, while Adobo topped Flip Top, 63-55, in the other Final Four pairing.

In the Shirley's caging, DFS Galleria made it back-to-back after surviving last week's playoffs. DFS first edged Docomo Pacific in the quarterfinals, 85-79, then whipped Mobil in the semis, 93-75, before dominating Dollar Days in the finals, 97-75.

In the Masters caging, High-Five also cruised to the championship after thrashing Wawawindz, 100-71.



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Tournament organizers Clay McCullough-Stearns, left, and John Nekaifes, right, pose with members of Va Va Boom, which ruled the U21 division of the fundraising beach volleyball event last week at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



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Tournament organizers Clay McCullough-Stearns, left, and John Nekaifes, right, pose with members of Living Like Larry, which ruled the U14 division of the fundraising beach volleyball event last week at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



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Members of the North Pacific Team pose for a photo at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tania Tan makes a return from the baseline during a pool play game in the U12 division of the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships last Thursday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



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High-Five's Ken McCain pulls up for a jumper against Wawawindz' Badong Camacho during their title game in the 30A division of the Masters caging last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.



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Adobo's Lester Vertudez goes up for a reverse layup against Flip Top's Toby Fleming during their semis game in the DLX caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



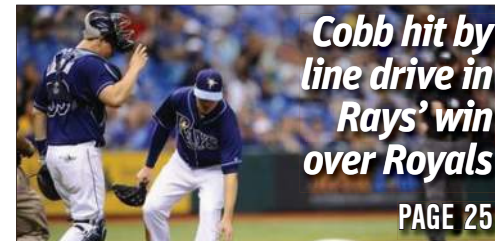
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DFS Galleria's Jack Lizama goes for a layup against Dollar Days' Ivan Devero, right, and Bart Demapan, left, during their title game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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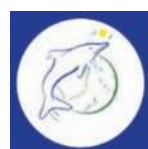
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CNMI dominates, Race gets head shaved

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CNMI coach Jeff Race kept his promise after his players fulfilled their's.

The Commonwealth junior tennis players bagged the maximum slots they could get on the North Pacific Team after the completion of the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships and, as a reward for their accomplishment, Race had his head shaved last night.



"For 7 or 8 years, I have been promising our players that if they get 12 slots on the North Pacific Team, I'll have my head shaved. Now, it's time," said Race during the awards ceremony for the five-day tournament at the American Memorial Park.

Race fulfilled his promise after Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, Amami Sakano, Jake Lee, Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguir, Chris Cajigan, Morris Villanueva, Michael Ren, Robby Schorr, Carol Lee, and Tania Tan earned spots on the North Pacific Team that will compete against the east and west squads in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji in August.

Originally, Villanueva was to do the honor of shaving Race's head, but once the CNMI coach announced the pact he made with his players, many got excited and quickly lined up to participate in the ceremony. Race ended up giving selected players a chance to cut strands of his hair.

"I would be happy to have my head shaved as that means our players are really doing great and dominating our region,"

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Back-to-back for DFS



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DFS Galleria's Dan Barcinas takes off for a shot against two Dollar Days defenders during the fourth quarter of their title game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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DFS Galleria played a nearly flawless game in the finals of the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League to post a convincing 97-75 win

over pennant champion Dollar Days last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

It was DFS' second straight championship in the league, as it also topped the 2011 edition of the competition after beating PSS/McGraw-Hill in the

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Jake Lee is one of the several CNMI players who gets to shave coach Jeff Race's head yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



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Tennis players lead April, May awardees

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Three CNMI junior tennis players notched monthly awards from Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association after their notable performances in various tournaments for the past two months.

Thea Minor claimed the Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMASA Female Student Athlete of the Month award for April after prevailing in the 13th Annual PIC Tennis Championships. The Saipan Southern High School

student bagged her sixth straight women's open singles crown in the Pacific Islands Club-hosted competition after beating Mikayla Lopez in the finals, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. Minor also took the U18 tiara after ruling the round-robin play.

After the PIC tournament in April, both Minor and Lopez competed in the first Junior ITF ranking points competition the CNMI hosted—the IT&E Northern Marianas Open Junior Championships. Lopez went on to gain Junior ITF ranking points (17.01) after earning victories in both singles and doubles to bring home the TSL

Foundation/NMASA Female Student Athlete of the Month for May.

Lopez got her first Junior ITF ranking points after downing Hong Kong's Wai Lam Ip, 6-3, 6-0, in the opening round of the singles play. Then in the doubles, she teamed up with Negahr Rastguir in sweeping Ip and Yuen Tung Liu, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Also receiving Junior ITF rankings points was Amami Sakano, the TSL Foundation/NMASA Male Student Athlete of the Month for May. Sakano barged into the Round of 16 of the boys singles division after

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Mikayla Lopez, seen here returning a shot to Thea Minor in yesterday's girls U18 singles game in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships at the Pacific Islands Club, won the TSL Foundation/NMASA Female Student Athlete of the Month award for May.

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